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Tories get a grip

Clarke holds to Cabinet line on single currency

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Kenneth Clarke and John Maor yesterday put the public eal on a week of new Tory uniy after a Bournemouth speech in which the Chancellor stuck strictly to the Cabinet line on the single currency.

Sources close to the Prime Minister believe that the Conservatives have turned a corner, and now that the party has regained its grip on old-fashioned party loyalty, they are in with a chance at the next election.

Delighted by Mr Clarke's performance, the party conference gave him an ovation that lasted more than four minutes - prolonged by the Prime Minister joining him in a victory handshake for a fighting per-

formance **J**ut the fragility of the truce was shown by an early-morning attack from the Chancellor on "schizophrenic" Conservative Central Office workers who were publicly "knocking" par-ty members - including himself. From the other side of the

vative Research Department at Central Office, deployed the gagging of confidence debate on the single currency. He told the BBC's Confer-

ence Live 96: "It's quite understandable that they don't want to have a huge and divisive dohate, but it's sad that both parties feel they have to avoid

debate in this way." Closing yesterday's econom-

resentatives that the single currency policy had been agreed: "At every stage, we have the right to say, 'No'." The Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary had repeated it on Wednesday: he

as repeating it again yesterday. "So let us spend the next six months - and the election - uniting behind that policy, attacking the Labour Party, talk-ing about the economy, and



Kenneth Clarke: Ovation

winning the election." The ovation for Mr Clarke, favorate bo-

through the day. The Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, said that the party needed three extra policies - "unity, unity and unity." The Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, said ic debate. Mr Clarke told rep- with feeling that those who fed

the media with harmful headlines deserved the party's "ut-ter contempt" - and could help send the party into the wilderness for 17 years. He also became the first

Cabinet member to confront the challenge of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which is staging a one-day con-ference in Brighton next Saturday. Although some senior Cabinet colleagues believe that Sir James will get only 6 or 7 per cent of the vote, at most, they argue that those dissident Tory votes could otherwise have gone to Labour, and the damege will be limited.

But Mr Heseltine asked Sir James what he thought he would gain by putting up can-didates "where it will hurt the Conservative most" - and letting Labour in. - The establishment of unity

will allow the Prime Minister to go on to the policy and political offensive when he address es the conference in his formal leader's speech this morning. But there were continuing

dications of the party's undermeeting, William Wandegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasmy, said the party had to be amb-dousin its present of spending month's Budget.

But the unity time became a cris. Once the Treasury had hit common Cabinet refrain its present target of reducing spending below 40 per cent of national income, GDP, he said, "in due course, we should look further at a lower target."

The Conservatives in Bournemouth, pages 6,7 Inflation figures, page 21

Leak reveals contempt for British 'FBI'

lan Burreli

An élite police unit set up as Britain's answer to the FBI is viewed with contempt and distrust by police and customs officers, according to a suppressed Home Office report. The report, which has been

leaked to The Independent, says the National Criminal Intelligence Service, (NCIS) set up to co-ordinate the fight against organised crime, is derided by detectives from forces around the country and regional crime

Senior Customs officers, it adds, said their staff threatened to mutiny when asked to work alongside the unit.

The findings of the report, which is marked confidential and will not be published, are alarming in view of future plans to expand NCIS and give it greater powers.

The unit, which is based in London, is to form the basis of the new national crime squad being set up by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to fight organised crime, in-cluding the activities in Britain of international drugs cartels and the Russian and Italian mafias. A Home Office source said that a toned-down version of the report will be passed to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

"The report is based on 299 interviews with police and customs officers and civil servants. They revealed that many police and customs intelligence units do not trust NCIS enough to give it information. One regional crime squad detective inspector said that he viewed the filing of information to NCIS as a waste of time. "I saw no value in it whatsoever for me as an oper-

ational manager." he said. Customs officers were even more hostile. The report states: "It appears there were grave concerns in Customs about the uses to which NCIS would put any data supplied to them.'



The logo of an 'élite' force

Detective Chief Superinten-dent Michael Burdis, head of CID at South Yorkshire police, said: "Many people say that NCIS is not delivering what the police service of this country requires. It markets itself well with glossy literature but it needs actual sincere, genuine, working relationships [with police forces] who actually want to work together. I am not sure we have achieved that."

Sir Ron Hadfield, who retired this summer as chief constable of the West Midlands, said NCIS was not up to the job of taking on organised crime and international drug trafficking.

The report was commissioned from Dick Hobbs and Colin Dunnighan, criminologists based at Durham University. They report that "we came upon a great deal of animosidirected towards NCIS.

The report has caused great concern at the Home Office. One insider said: "This is the intelligence arm of the new national crime squad and it's in a shambles." A second critical report,

which has already been passed to ACPO, attacks NCIS for its failings in combatting the activities of paedophiles and those engaged in sex tourism. The study on European Po-

lice Co-operation, written by Dr Paul Norman of the Centre for Legal Studies at the University of Sussex, accuses NCIS of failing to pick up the movements of paedophiles who move address from one police force to It accuses NCIS of devoting

"few resources" to fight sex tourism and being interested only in disrupting their activities rather than helping to secure convictions.

City sees economy ·as election winner

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

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The strength of the economy means the outcome of the general election could be much closer than opinion polls at

investment banks.

The research, which supports Kenneth Clarke's claim yesterday that the Tories could win if they fight the election on the economy, was sent to investors yesterday by the USowned bank Lehman Brothers.

Linking economic indicators and voting intentions it predicts that the outcome of the election could range between a Labour

QUICKLY

Adams hits back The president of Sinn Fein, Ger-Adams, responded to stingcriticisms from the Irish government by lecturing the Ikoiseach, John Bruton, on his responsibilities in unusually combative terms.

Dissident on trial China appears determined to put on trial one of its most outspoken young dissidents, Wang Dan, 26, after telling his family to flud a lawyer by this afternoon. Mr Wang faces seven years in jail for counter-revo-

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Amazon threat Scores of Amazonian Indians who have had no contact with the outside world could face death because of exploration by an oil company, campaigners claimed yesterday. Page 3



majority of 43 and a hung Par-liament with Tony Biair 41 sears short of an overall majority.

According to Michael Dicks, the Lehman Brothers expert who carried out the research, it. could be a much closer result present suggest, according to than expected. He calculates one of the City of London's top that consumer confidence and the number of households with negative equity, explain past vot-ing intentions far more accuraisly than unemployment and

> Mr Dicks said: "The results of our research suggest that the economy does seem to matter quite a lot." Consumer confidence also reflected other influences such as take-home pay and feelings of job insecurity, he

negative equity explains the much bigger drop in support for the Conservatives from 1992 than traditional economic indicators alone account for. Others suggest that sterling's ejection from the Exchange

Rate Mechanism was to blame. The number of UK homes affected by negative equity has fallen below half a million for the first time since 1990, according to a new survey from the Woolwich Building Society. It said 475,000 home owners are affected, a drop of 65,000 in three months - a factor that could be rewarded by an im-



Church of England sounds off at anti-gay Thought for the Day

Andrew Brewn Religious Affairs

Correspondent ... The Church of England has protested to the BBC after an evangelical speaker on Radio 4's Thought for the Day attacked. Bishops for supporting a celelutionary activities. Page 13 bration in Southwark Cathedral

marking 20 years of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement. Ann Atkins, a novelist and former actress, who is married to an evangelical vicar, delivered a ferocious blast against what she said was a commemoration

of "20 years of gay sex". "It is the Church's duty to condemn sin and ... this we are failing to do. Soon, no doubt, we will have an adulterers' Christian Pellowship, a 'sex before marriage' Christian fellowship. [we] see no reason why the list should ever end unless and until the Church comes back to communications, the Rev Eric morality. Listeners may not God's standards of morality. Shegog, has made a director's agree with her, but she is entisties add. the to the complaint to the BBC tied to her opinion."

didates for ordination in the Church of England are steadily going down. Surprise surprise.

certain sound, who should pre- church's position on homosexpare himself for battle? Sadly.

the sound given by the Church frumpet," she concluded.
Such strident certainties are

not often heard on Thought for the musings of Lionel Blue, the most prominent gay rabbi in

"A report has just been pub- about the early morning relihished ...-which says that can- gious slot, describing her talk as "factually inaccurate and containing basic errors. "To say that a decline in vo-

Soon, no doubt, we will have an adulterers' Christian Fellowship' "If the trumpet give an un- cations is attributable to the

nality is preposterous. "We feel that the BBC has of Pagland today is so uncertain made a serious error of judge-for a never even know it was a ment in transmitting this Thought for the Day and would

welcome an apology."
A spokesman for the BBC said. "Ms Atkins represents one not insubstantial viewpoint within the churches, which believes that the Bible is author-The Church's director of itative in matters of doctrine and more Thursdays.

The BBC admitted, however, that it had received a "substantial number of complaints from listeners." Not all were wholly serious. Many, according to one insider, protested that there had been far more than 20 years of gay sex for the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement to celebrate.

Ms Atkins was yesterday unrepentant, "I suppose that a lot of things that Jesus said weren't very tactful, either.

"Everything that we believe has been blurred round the edges, and that means that people lose confidence in the Church's ability to be a fighting Ms Atkins is due to give the

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fishing cuts Britain will not implement any

moves approved by the European Union to reduce fish

Minister of State for.

Food, said yesterday.

European Fisheries

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catches unless the problem of. foreign quota-hopper traviers is resolved, Douglas Hogg,

Mr Hogg was responding to

Commissioner, Emma Bonino, who had called for a 40 per

fleets over six years and warned

cent cut in "fishing effort" by

decommissioning programme. But after meeting South West fishing industry leaders in Plymouth, Mr Hogg said the

Pub manager

raised in an appeal for victims and their families after the

in which 16 children and their

ran away to Spain in April, was

Crown Court that his crime "might be regarded as the most

despicable and mean offence".

Sentencing was adjourned until

Minister in

trouble again

Sir Nicholas Scott, the former Cabinet minister, faced a new threat to his political career

after being taken back to his

Embassy party in Bournementh early yesterday

morning. A spokesman for

confirm his name because no

In March, Sir Nicholas was

narrowly endorsed as the Torv candidate for his Chelsea seat.

Within days, he was banned from driving for a year for

after an accident in which he

trapped a three-year-old boy

HRT risk

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Women on hormone

between two cars. John Rentoul

one had been arrested or.

teacher were killed.

appeal fund A pub manager has been convicted of stealing £600 he

that quota-hoopers could increase unless Britain

continued its fleet

cut would be "very unacceptable" to the

Government.



Media face tighter intrusion laws

MARIANNE MACDONALD and STEPHEN GOODWIN

The rules governing media intrusion into people's private lives are being re-written after a series of front-page Royal exclusives led by the hoax Princess Diana video.

The rules form part of the industry's code of practice administered by the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), whose chair, Lord Wakeham, yesterday spoke out against the recent "stream of injudicious stories centring on the private lives of public individuals".

Grahame Thomson, secretary of the editors' committee

firmed last night that the publication of pictures from the faked video of Princess Diana and her former lover, James Hewitt --- published by the Sun on Tuesday as the real thing raised privacy issues.

That section of the code was being restated he said. "There has to be a limit as to bow far you go. If a paper is stupid enough to accept phony material without checking, that is up to them.

is very important, and although there is fairly adequate cover in the code, we are making some

The issue of media misbewhich updates the code, con- haviour has returned to the fore er this month recommending without the same justification.

former members of the Royal outlawed. family, including the revela-tions of a fortune teller consulted by the Duchess of York and a claim that Prince William had a crush on the step-sister of

one of his schoolmates. Neither story triggered any complaint to the PCC, while the that "intrusions or enquiries into But the protection of privacy

of the public. cellor's department is expected

Extracts from the code

Privacy

following several recent "ex-clusives" about members and sums to witnesses in trials is

The move, triggered by the buy-ups of witnesses in Rosemary West's trial for murder last year, signals the Government's lack of confidence in newspapers' attempts at self-regulation.

Sun's five-page "Royal World an individual's private life with-exclusive" about the Diana out his or her consent ... are not hoax video prompted only four complaints, all from members the public interest.

f the public.

Another section, also being revised by the editors' code down, however, the Lord Chan-committee, says that payments should not be made to potento issue a consultation paper lat- tial witnesses in court cases

Yesterday Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for Heritage, said she believed there was room for tighter safeguards on the press but that legislating would be "fraught with

difficulty".

"Legislation tends to be costly, complex and does not necessarily deliver results," she warned. But she emphasised that she took the question of privacy "extremely seriously" and that it would remain under

review. Earlier this year she asked Lord Wakeham to ensure that commitments on self-regulation were being taken forward. These included writing the code people's lives and privacy. into contracts of employment,

getting more lay members on the PCC, and setting up a pub-lic hotline to make the commission more accessible.

"There is room for further tightening the safeguards," Mrs Bottomley said. "It is the dilemma in a modern democracy in a multi-media age that you have to temper freedom of information with responsibilities.".

But Jack Cunningham, Labour's Heritage spokes-person, said: Without a strengthened Press Complaints Commission we will see some sections of the press continue with their deplorable behaviour, with its inevitable damage to Leading article, page 17

New code sets limits for editors

Innocent relatives and friends The Public interest Unless it is contrary to the Clauses 4,5,7,8 and 9 create exceptions which may be covpublic's right to know, the press should generally avoid identiered by invoking the public interest. For the purpose of this code is most easily defined as:

and safety.

(iii) Preventing the public

from being misled by some statement or action of an indi-

In any case raising issues be-youd these three definitions, the will require a full explanation by the public interest was served.

with the republican movement

is at its lowest ebb for years.

resent the Taoiseach's use of the terms Nazis and fascists. It

would be easy for me to slip into

similar name calling but such an

approach would be deeply unipful at this dangerous time.

bility to take the lead in creat-

ing a viable political alternative

Dick Spring, told the Dail: "At

a time like this, it is very diffi-

cult not to succumb to anger

and despair. No one can avoid

feeling these emotions, and the

more one has worked to better

the situation, the more keenly they will be felt."

Governments must make the

to conflict.

"Mr Bruton has a responsi-

The Irish Foreign Minister,

Mr Adams said: "Many will

approached or photographed at school without permission of the school authorities.

(i) Detecting or exposing crime or serious misdemeanour. (ii) Protecting public health

the editor demonstrating how

replacement therapy (HRT) run an increased risk of blood Press Complaints Commission

clots in the leg, or lungs according to new evidence published in The Lancet. Two studies by scientists in Oxford and Boston, conclude that out of 10,000 women taking HRT, two will suffer blood clots that they would not otherwise have had. A third

> one woman in 20,000 suffering from a clot The scientists say that a family or personal history of clots, obesity, or confinement to bed for long periods, should be of October at the earliest considered before HRT is

started *Liz Hunt*

study, also from the United

States, found a smaller risk of

Body found in house unidentifiable

The body of a man found under floorboards by officers who were checking a house may have been there for several weeks, police said. The remains of the man, believed to be in his thirties, were found by police at a house in Greenock, Strathclyde. Strathclyde Police have not been able to identify the remains, which are believed to be in a decomposed state, but said they hoped forensic

examination would reveal

more information today.

rables, medical experts confirmed after a post-mortem examination yesterday.
The 18-year-old youth died on Sunday night at Coppetts Wood Hospital in north London, which specialises in infectious diseases, after being admitted to a casualty

Teenager dies

from rabies

A teenager, bitten by an anim on a trip to Nigeria, died from

bite

previous day. Staff at the hospitals who came into contact with the unnamed man are to have a series of immunisation

department at the nearby Whittington hospital the

Murder case man tells of kiss

Stuart Morgan, a lony driver

accused of murdering French French student Celine Figard. took Dunblane 19, told Worcester Crown Court yesterday that he had a brief sexual encounter with her after asking for a Christmas kiss in return for a lift. Mr Morgan, 37, of Bournemouth, Dorset, said he Dunblane massacre last March

drove her from Chieveley services, on the M4 at Newbury, Berkshire, to Patrick Southgate, 49, who also took £1,400 from the bar in Southampton. He said she was "smiting and happy" when he Poplar, east London, when he left her. Asked why he had not come forward after the told yesterday by Judge Stephen Robbins at Southwark nationwide search for a lorry driver matching his description. Mr Morgan, who denies murder, said he wanted to hide from his wife the fact he had slept with another woman. The case continues today.

> Warning over pillows for

asthmatics Feather pillows may be hetify for asthmatics than pillows with botel by the police after an Irish synthetic fillings, according to new research which questions the advice to the contrary given to some sufferers. Dorset police confirmed that a man was found in the street Scientists in New Zealand analysed dust samples from contride the main Conservative nine pairs of pillows, one of conference botel, and driven to which was feather and the to determine the content of a particular allergen associated with the house dust mite which is a strong risk factor for asthma. The polyester pillows contained more than eight times as much allergen than the feather ones, according to the report in the British Medical drink-driving and failing to stop

> Delay for liver swap child

Journal, Liz Hunt

The expatriate parents of a toddler, who doctors say will die uniess he has a liver transplant, must wait for several more weeks to learn whether they will have to return him to

Britain to undergo surgery.

The couple were said to be
"distressed" at reports accusing them of fleeing abroad in defiance of a High Court ruling demanding the operation go ahead. They claim the operation will only temporarily lengthen their child's life and lead to greater suffering. After last month's ruling they lodged an appeal, the result of which will not be known until the end

Second road group face eviction

A second group of protesters camped in the path of a £65m West Country road scheme face eviction following a court, hearing in Exeter yesterday. An application for possession of land at the Trollheim camp near Exercit was granted to the Highways Agency, construction consortium Connect, engineering firm Balfour Beatty, and the trustees of the Escot Estate. Today a similar application is due to be made over a camp at Pairmile. On Tuesday an order for possession was made against protesters at Allercombe. All three camps are in the path of the 13-mile Exeter-Honiton mad.

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hospital or nursing home

where patients are treated or ac-fied only in the public interest

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Northern Ireland: Dublin's relations with Adams at lowest ebb for years Sinn Fein chief rebukes

Bruton over 'Nazi' attack

DAVID MCKITTRICK reland Correspondent

The president of Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams, yesterday responded to stinging criticisms from the Irish government by lecturing the Taoiseach, John Bruton, on his responsibilities in unusually combative terms. Mr Bruton had earlier fol- Co Antrim. lowed his previous comparison

the Nazis by warning: "No more sides, Mr Bruton and other Lisburns. No more spectaculars." ministers conspicuously re-No more beatings. No coded warnings. Just the ballot box." The Dail in Dublin yesterday

devoted an all-day dehate to the question of the peace process in the wake of Monday's double IRA bomb attack on British army headquarters at Lisburn,

frained from breaking all possibility of contact with the republican movement. The hope in Dublin, though it is not based on any particular confidence, is that the Lisburn attacks do not mean the peace process is at a definitive end.

But the exchanges between But amid condemnation of Mr Bruton and Mr Adams sigof the republican movement to the IRA and Sinn Fein from all nal that Dublin's relationship

Lisburn attack forced doctors to postpone urgent operations

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IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

A senior neuro-surgeon at Northern Ireland's biggest hospital appealed to terrorists to consider the consequences of their actions vesterday, as it emerged that the Lisburn had to cancel an operation to bombings had forced surgeons correct an aneurysm - a blood to postpone operations on seriously ill nationts.

Tom Fannin, a senior consultant neuro-surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, said the hospital was "very concerned" that the upsurge in violence meant that intensive care beds were filled by the victims, leaving no room for scheduled patients, and said it take any of these awful acts serious implications for health

sources in the province.

Three patients who had their operations cancelled required brain surgery and a fourth needed a tumour removed from her abdomen. Mr Fannin had also had to cancel an operation to vessel that had burst in a patient's brain.

The patients were said to be very distressed" at the postpopement of their operations. some of which had been planned many weeks ago. "I want to plead very strongly that [the terrorists] think very

quences for health care re- in loss of life but terrible consequences for other victims," Mr Fannin said. As he spoke, four of the most

seriously injured casualties of the Lisburn bombings were still in the Royal Victoria's intensive care unit, one critically ill. Mr Fannin, a neuro-surgeon

since 1977, said a resumption of violence was likely to have more serious consequences than before the ceaselire because policy on the use of intensive care beds had changed.

Dr lan Carson, medical director of the Royal Victoria, said the cost of intensive care meant carefully before they under- a return to violence would have which inevitably result not just budgets.

hard decisions. "We have sought to maintain a careful balance between giving the necessary encouragement to those who are genuinely seeking a transition from violence to peace, while at the same time

ensuring this cannot be ex-

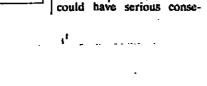
ploited by those whose purposes could well be the opposite." Police in the province are still interviewing a man arrested in the Polegiass housing estate in west Beliast, near where the bomb gang's gctaway car was found burning just after Mon-day's bombings. He is being questioned by the RUC at Castlereagh.

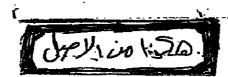
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Rich world, poor world: Exploration could bring jungle nomads into disastrous contact with Western illnesses, says British group

Oil search 'will kill' Amazon natives

MICHAEL STREETER

Scores of Amazonian Indians who have had no contact with the outside world could face death because of exploration by an oil company, campaigners claimed yesterday.
The Mashco-Piro are a no-

madic people in remote jungle in south-east Peru where Mobil is carrying out seismic tests for

Survival International, a British group which is moni-toring the situation, say it is "inevitable" that many of the Indians will die from contact with common Western illnesses - such as whooping cough - against which they have no im-

They complain that despite promises from the company to keep away from local peoples, there have been at least three "encounters" between them.

A local Indian representative group called Fenamad has taken statements from Indians on the exploration crews outlining the incidents, including heli-copters flying low over Indian groups and a violent clash where the Mashco-Piro fired ar-

There are rumours that up to three workers have been killed in such battles - reports

Jonathan Mazower, Sur-vival's campaigns officer, said that 11 years ago, when the Shell oil company and loggers had en-countered related Indians in a neighbouring territory at least half their population - up to 100

 had been wiped out by disease There is a tragic inevitabil-ity about what Mobil is doing." he said. "There is a very real danger that if there is any prolonged contact then some of these Indians will die."

Mr Mazower added: "These people have a right to be left alone. Both Peruvian and international law has recognised

Helen Newing, a biologist who has studied the situation, believes that the Mashco-Piro face disaster. "There is a real danger they could disappear al-

The area of Pern where the peoples live, Madre de Dios, is split into two prospecting areas known as Block 77 and Block 78, each around 1.5 million hectares, where the govern-ment has approved exploration. Little is known about the

mainly hunter-gatherer group, rows at an exploratory team. not even their name for themselves. They have been called "Mashco-Piro" because they appear to have a language similar to the Piro people. Ms



that the group had been trying to avoid outsiders, probably because they were aware of what had happened to their neighbours.

There are believed to be a total of 1,500 uncontacted people

in the area, including the Amahuaca and the Yaminahua Mobil yesterday denied there had been three encounters, and said that a detailed investigation at the weekend found only two

of those involved had proved to be a sighting of a loggers' village, rather than an Indian one, and in the other a seismic worker on a rest break reported seeing the back of a naked

He said that the company's strict policy was to ensure no contact with the Indians and that staff - including those among the seismic subcontractors - were all given medical checks and environ-

mental "sensitivity" training. A team of anthropologists and other experts was on standby in case inadvertent contact should occur.

the spokesman said. A spokesman for Shell said the circumstances of the events in 1985 were not clear, We want to reassure people but that any lessons learned that we are taking all possible would be incorporated into

Sunbeds banned in alert over skin cancers risk

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Two local councils have banned simbeds from leisure centres on health grounds, it emerged vesterday as a leading skin spe-cialist urged an outright ban on the bods in all publicly-funded clubs and centres.

Dr Jonathan Norris, a consultant dermatologist at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary in Scotland, is urging colleagues nationally to put pressure on their local councils to remove sunbeds.

Their use for cosmetic tan-Jung must be re-examined as evidence grows that ultraviolet A radiation - the type of rays pro-vided by sunbeds - is a promoter of skin cancers including the life-threatening melanoma. He said:"The medical profession should be more critical of sunbed salons that operate purely for financial gain."

Skin cancer is increasing by about 10 per cent a year and there are about 40,000 new cases diagnosed annually. Melanoma is increasing by about

5 per cent, with about 4,000 new are catering for a demand for cases a year. Despite strong Government public health messages designed to stop people sunbathing naturally or using ar-tificial sources, sunbeds remain popular and there has been a recent explosion in high-street

walk-in tanning shops.

A survey by the Office for National Statistics, found that one in 10 women and 7 per cent of men had used sunbeds in the past year. Almost one in four of these women exceeded the maximum limit of 20 sessions a vear, that is recommended by the British Photodermatology Group. One in 10 users said that they had spent more than 30

minutes at a time on beds. In a letter to the British Medical Journal, Dr Norris writes: "The promotion of machines whose only function is to produce radiation damage to the skin, which may ultimately promote skin cancer, should play no part in the operational policy of modern local councils pro-

fessing to have the best interest of their constituents at heart. Councils may argue that they

Why a muse and a model is parting with 500 dolls. Page 5

sumbeds by the public, but this demand is led by ignorance and should be rejected."

In February, Caradon District Council in Liskeard, Cornwall, removed sunbeds from one of its leisure centres, and has decided not to provide them in two new centres which it has opened since. In June, Dumfries and Galloway Council removed sunbeds from five locations in south-west Scotland, following consideration of reports about the dangers of cosmetic tanning, including one that was submitted by Dr Norris.

A spokesman for Dumfries and Galloway said that it had decided to but "public health before financial income". No formal complaints from the public had been received, she added, although people had asked attendants at the centre why the decision had been taken to remove the beds.

Dr Norris said that now that precedent had been set, all local authorities should seriously consider closing down their sunbed facilities. "Doctors, and dermatologists in particular, should pressure them to do so," he writes.

were irresponsibly misleading people into associating sunbeds with health and fitness. He it? she said.

said: "Sunbeds at council-run leisure centres are very common. When you get a leisure facility operated by a council, designed for health and fitness, very often they'll throw in a sunbed, and the reason they

do so is for profit. "I think councils should operate higher moral and ethical standards. It's enough of an uphill struggle educating people about skin cancer without local authorities promoting what I'm fighting against."
A spokesman for the Asso-

ciation of County Councils said vesterday that local authorities always considered public safety and kept a close eye on the medical evidence related to smbeds, and that users were advised accordingly.

No one from the The Sunbed Association, which represents some high-street tarming salons was available to comment on Dr

Norris's claims yesterday.
The manager of The Gentry,
a beauty salon in east London, which provides two sunbeds for its customers, said her establishment did not tell people about specific health risks linked to their use. "Most of them know the

Speaking yesterday, Dr dangers, and they've read about Norris said he thought councils it like we all have. I thin it is up to them if they want to take the risk, it's their decision, isn't



French undressing: From Lacrob, a short ruffled black organza coat-dress over cream embroidered lace lingerie Photograph: Jack Dabaghian/Reuters

Lacroix still a master of the mix

TAMSIN BLANCHARD

It was African, 18th-century with a little bit of Mozart madness thrown in for good measure. Christian Lacroix, the master of eccentric French dressing, showed an upbeat but disciplined collection yesterday. There were bright mixes of colour, fine woven fabrics, and bright abstract patterns.

Sitting on the front row was Alexander McQueen, the British designer tipped for the job at Givenchy when John Galliano moved to Dior in time for the couture house's 50 year anniversary in January. He has been attending shows this week, including Rifat Ozbek and Ann Demeulemeester on Wednesday night. He is not commenting on whether or not he's been offered, or indeed is taking the Givenchy job. Lacroix is thought to have turned down the job at Givenchy in the summer: his label is owned by the all-powerful LVMH conglomerate which also owns Givenchy and Dior.
The Turkish-born British-based designer

Rifat Ozbek showed his collection in the Moulin Rouge. The collection was almost entirely in black, dedicated to "Decadent Debutantes, Trustafarians and Aristocracks in Africa". The designer used the season's transparent fabrics to make fencing tunics stretched tube dresses with ruffles tiers and decorated others with jet beading and feathers.

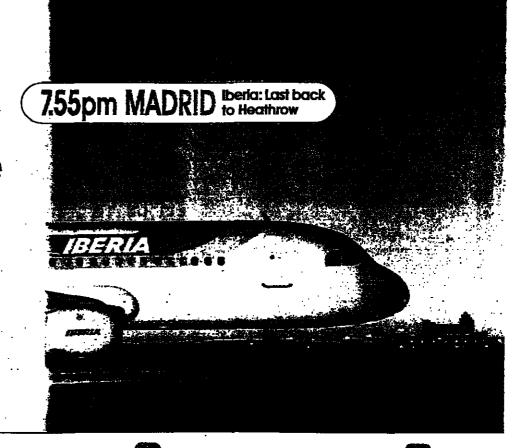
The Belgian designer Ann Demeulemeester showed a collection of classic tailoring and simple jersey dresses worn by androgynous male and female models which, at times, were difficult to tell apart.

The collections continue today with Vivienne Westwood, who shows this afternoon



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Author comes to hate her homage to elderly women

DAVID LISTER

National Poetry Day yesterday found an unlikely heroine with an unlikely response to being udged one of the nation's best loved poets. Jenny Joseph, 64, claims that the poem that has placed her above the likes of John Betjeman, Dylan Thomas, Sylvia Plath, Seamus Heaney and Philip Larkin in the nation's affections, is completely untypical of her work. And she is irritated by its success.

Indeed, from her Gloucestershire cottage she has instructed her agent to restrict its appearance. "I think," said her publisher, Neil Astley, at Blood-axe Publishing yesterday, "that she has grown to hate it."

The poem, called "Warn-ing", which is a homage to elderly women behaving badly, is the frontrunner to win the BBC's countrywide poil to find The Nation's Favourite Poem. Phone-lines closed at noon yesterday and the result will not be announced until tonight on BBC Television. Ms Joseph's poem was ahead of all its rivals

just hours before polling closed. Her national popularity is now outshining poets who are household names. Born in the household names, Born in the same year as Sylvia Plath, she has been publishing prize-winning poetry since 1960. But, though gregarious herself, she has never been a part of the London literati, though she may well have entertained some of them—nith her hughand she of them - with her husband, she ran a pub in Shepherd's Bush,

west London, in the mid-Sixties. Ms Joseph grew up in Buck-inghamshire, the daughter of Jewish though not religious parents. During the Second World War, she was evacuated to Devon, where the landscape

ford she was the Senior Scholar of her year. She then worked as a reporter on the Oxford Mail and later on Drum in South Africa, but was expelled from the country.

With her husband, Terry, from whom she is now separated, she brought up three children, ran a pub and became a tutor with The Workers'

Jenny Joseph: frontrunner for nation's favourite poem

Education Association. She has lectured on poetry in Britain and abroad. She says she wrote as a child "to hold the world".

Later she became interested in what she termed the experiences of "ordinary citizens". She published lengthy narrative po-ems such as The Life and Turgid Times of a Citizen", mixtures of contemporary dialogue, and passages of lyrical beauty. She has also written a novel, fables, and fairy stories. Often noted for a sardonic di-

dacticism, her tales include -

"Cutting off one's ears for

made a lasting impression upon her. At St Hilda's College Ox- was "Warning", her 1974 ironic dramatic monologue on hopes of future unrespectability, that guaranteed her immortality. Philip Larkin immediately included it in his The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century English Verse.

Judith Palmer, head of Poetry International, Britain's biggest poetry festival at the South Bank Centre, said vesterday: Jenny Joseph is certainly irritated by the success of this poem. Poets want to shout what about my other achievements'. Jenny is well-regarded in poetry circles, but she's not a public poet."

The popularity of "Warn-

ing" may spring from its inclu-sion in a number of school anthologies and Fleur Adcock's Anthology of 20th Century Poetry. In the United States so many people have photocopied and distributed the poem that its authorship has frequently got "lost" along the way. According to Mr Astley, people in America tend to claim that their grandmother wrote it".
"Warning" is also viewed by

some as a consummate example of the "popular poem". According to Judith Palmer, "it's the sort of poem that covers all bases and offends no one. It's anthologisable. It's a striking one-off party piece".

Ms Joseph was not at home

yesterday, and unavailable for comment, her profile as enig-Michael Heath, page 17



A Poem for the Man from The Independent. 'Got It, Good'

The poet John Hegley (above) composed this poem exclusively for photographer Brian Harris yesterday at the Plazza at Covent Garden when he was appearing with other poets in a National Poetry Day event. Hegley is well known for his concise works.

You show me a poem That I can understand And I'll show you someone

WARNING By Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me. And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter. I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells And run my stick along the public railings And make up for the sobriety of my youth. I shall go out in my slippers in the min And pick the flowers in other people's gardens

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat And eat three pounds of sausages at a go Or only bread and pickle for a week And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry And pay our rent and not swear in the street And set a good example for the children. We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now? So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Informant 'hired as hit man' in feud

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

A police informant warned his handlers that he had been hired for a contract killing and then went ahead with an attempt to assassinate a man with family links to the criminal underworld, a court heard yesterday. An Old Bailey jury was told

that police marksmen, posing as gas workers, lay in wait for Michael Boyle, 48, as he carried out the hit in south London. Mr Boyle, from Dublin, had

fired three bullets into Anthony Brindle, his intended victim, and was "intent on finishing him off" when two armed officers opened fire hitting him five times, said Nigel Sweeney, prosecuting. Both men survived.

The shooting was part of a bloody feud between a south London family, the Brindles, and others with underworld connections, the jury was told.

Mr Sweeney revealed that before coming to England, Mr Boyle had been working as an informant for the Garda in Dublin. He allegedly told the police of a plan to murder members of the Brindle family in London and admitted that he had been recruited to carry

out one of the contract killings. He was warned by the Dublin police that he must distance himself from the hit and was told that they intended to inform the London police of the plot, the jury heard.

Mr Boyle then turned "rogue informant" as far as the Dublin police were concerned and secretly returned to London, said

Mr Śwecney.

He denied attempting to murder Mr Brindle outside his home in Rotherhithe, south London, on 20 September last year. He has also denied possession of two high powered handguns with intent to en-

danger life.
The prosecution alleges he was armed by David Roads, who acted as quartermaster in the operation. Mr Roads, 52, from south London denies attempted murder and possession of

Mr Boyle and Mr Roads were part of a plot to murder Anthony Brindle and possibly his brothers, Patrick and George, the court heard.

Mr Boyle told the police that a well known Dublin criminal, George Mitchell, was arranging to hit the Brindles on behalf of his friend, Peter Daly. Ignoring the police warning to stay out of the plan, Mr Boyle, disguised in a wig, drove in a stolen van to the square where his victim lived. Mr Boyle had a Browning semi automatic pistol and a fully loaded Magnum with him, said Mr Sweeney. But police had learned of the plan and two armed officer hid in the

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square inside a British Gas van. But the police were taken by surprise. As Mr Brindle emerged from his home and walked to his car Mr Boyle opened fire from inside the van, hitting his victim in the el-

bow, chest and thighs.
As Mr Brindle ran back to his house in a bid to escape, Mr Boyle allegedly got out of the van to chase him. "He was holding his gun with seven bul-lets still in it - obviously intent on finishing him off," the prosecution told the jury.

The two armed officers got out of the gas van and chal-lenged Mr Boyle. When he re-fused to stop they fired, hitting him in the elbow, chest, shoulder blades and left heel, the court was told

The case continues.





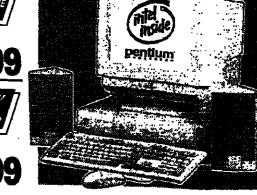
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The Secretary of State for National Heritage, Virginia Bottomley, yesterday signed an order banning the hard-core pornographic satellite television channel Rendez-Vous.

Announcing the ban to applause at the Tory party conference, Mrs Bottomley said that hard-core pornography was unacceptable and that new channels must not mean lower standards. She said she was banning the selling of "smart cards" which give viewers access, because as a "politician and a parent" she would not tolerate gratuitous violence and filth" on television.

"Television is a powerful medium, she said. "It is overwhelmingly a force for good. I want it to open up opportunities for our children. I do not want television to deliver a squalid diet of filth and degradation ... the British public can be assured that we will use all available powers to ensure standards are maintained. Protecting the welfare of our children is our paramount concern."

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it included in its schedules Eng-lish and French porn stars ad-

vertising mail-order sex aids.

It is the third hard-core pornography channel to be banned in the last three years. In 1993 the channel Red Hot Dutch was outlawed and two years later Britain was the first European country to issue a proscription order on TV Erotica, billed as "Europe's hottest adult movie channel".

All three stations are part of a wider spectrum of similar channels available in Britain, broadcasting hard-core pornog-raphy from abroad without a licence from the Independent Television Commission. Such stations do not sell subscriptions in Britain and, although there is a black market in pirate decoders and smartcards, disable pirate viewers by changing their

encryption codes. The ITC has issued licences to a number of soft-porn channels which are supposed to pass an "18" film certificate to qualify. Among these is the Adult Channel, despite receiving a formal warning from the

legally in uncrypted form. Others to have licences are the Adam and Eve channel, Playboy TV, TVX Pantasy Channel, and Babylon Blue, which is backed by Sunday Sport owner David Sullivar

The Adam and Eve channel sparked outrage last year when il unveiled plans to screen pay-per-view films as early as 10pm and Playboy TV was plunged into controversy when the Methodist Church and the Church of England sold their shares in BSkyB, which has a stake in the channel, in protest at it's launch.

Roger Kingsbourg, the man-ager of Rendez-Vous, yesterday stressed that the move would not affect the station's broadcasts which British viewers with smart cards would continue to

Speaking from the channel's Paris headquarters, he told BBC Radio 4's World at One programme: "It will not stop us at all. How can you ban a smart card? That is technically impossible. It is the possession of a private person, which they are entitled to use."

Lifelong passions: Dolls go under the hammer to save collector's museum



Sotheby's doll sale should fetch £3m

The owner of some of the world's finest dolls is to sell her collection to save her other great passion – a museum dedicated to the sculptor who im-mortalised her. Mrs Dina Vierny, the muse and model for the artist Aristide Maillol, is to offer her 500 dolls, together with dolls' houses and automata. for auction at Sotheby's in Loudon this month.

The proceeds, conservatively expected to exceed £3m will go towards her recently-opened nuscum in Paris. The ambitious lan for a grand exhibition of Mr Millol's works, which were left to Mrs Vierny when the ārtīst died in 1944, has run

Coming to a

seriously over-budget, and in a toss-up between the two collections, the sculpture won.

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Speaking from the museum in the rue de Grenelle, Paris, yesterday, Mrs Vierny, 77, said: "I am very sad. But the transformation of the museum has been expensive and I have to pay the bank. I collected the dolls over almost 50 years. But for this, I am willing to sacrifice them.

The collection amounts to more than 650 items and made Mrs Vierny one of the world's last great doil collectors, according to Bunny Campione, Sotheby's dolls expert. Mrs Campione said: "It is just stunning, a lifetime collection of real dedication to something she

A George 11 wooden doll estimate up to £35,000

terrible for her to see it going under the hammer." Mrs Vierny was born in Rus-

ly age. She was friends with the the World Exposition in writers Andre Gide and Jacques Prevert, and posed for Matisse, Bonnard and Dufy. But it was with Maillol, this famous trio's lesser-known friend, that she was most closely connected. She acted as model for his austere sculptures of the human body and he left her the copy-

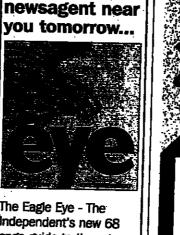
right to all his work when he died. Highlights of the two-day sale on 17 and 18 October will be several dolls each expected to fetch tens of thousands of pounds. The most valuable are two rare bisque swivel-headed dolls made in France around 1876. One of them is believed to have been made by the firm Philadelphia that coincided with America's centenary.

Another rarity is a doll made at the beginning of this century by the German Kammer and Reinhardt factory that Mrs Campione bought from Sothe-by's on Mrs Vierny's behalf for, at the time in 1989, a world record price of £90,000.

Mrs Campione said: "I had to ring her at midnight and I was absolutely horrified I'd done the wrong thing." She find, however, that she had not.

The oldest dolls in the sale are an English mother and baby pair made in wood by an unknown but skilled wood-





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"Last week the Sun fell for Tony Blair's speech. This week they fell for the so-called Diana tapes. Two fakes in a fortnight." Michael Heseltine

"Some Euro-sceptics gloat over the thought of post-defeat bloodbaths; purges on the scale of Stalin...Let old polecats do what they do best and sit in their trees spitting." Tom Spencer MEP

"In order to win we need three extra policies - unity, unity and unity." Michael Portillo

"Oh, they do like to lie beside the seaside." Labour rebuttal unit DEVIL OF THE DAY





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Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, full-blooded attack on the xenophobia of the SNP, 200 people.

Norman Lamont, calling for the abolition of the top rate of income tax and a single standard rate, 90 people

ERIC CANTONISM OF THE DAY

"You can make a free market with a thousand chick-ens. Can you make a free market with 1,000 chick-ens and two or three foxes?" Belgian Euro-sceptic baffling Norman Lamont on the fringe



The Saatchi party, drinks with newly ennobled Maurice in a marquee. Lord Hesketh's party in his suite at the

European Commission - spot the sceptics accepting Brussels hospitality at the Highcliff



Jim Davidson, comedian, and Patti Boulaye, soul singer, guests at the Conference Ball

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Clarke toes single currency line

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The golden rule of Tory policy was that taxes would only be cut when it could be afforded, Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday.

He told the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth that sticking to that rule carning and keeping the trust of the British people.

Labour immediately de-

nounced Mr Clarke for saying that the Tories were instinctive

History

becomes

a Tory

story

DAVID AARONOVITCH It was a day of transformations

and continuities in Bourne-

mouth. Continuities came first,

as the Tories made speeches about the National Heritage. And within minutes we were

plunged into heated dissent, Tory conference-style.

she said, to oppose that section of the motion that called upon

the Government to remind the

world of the unique contribution of Britain to culture, democracy and cooking (I think it was cooking). Why? Surely

she wasn't about to castigate the

movers for their incredible ar-

rogance, or to ask why so few

Italians, Americans or Japanese

stow away on planes and boats,

seeking by hook or crook to

make their homes in Kings Cross, or Sauchiehall Street?

No such luck. "The rest of the world," she declared, "does

not need reminding. They envy our traditions and admire our

culture." Of course, 'sobvious.

If you live in the country of

Leonardo, the Colosseum and

Venice, how inadequate you

A woman delegate wished,

22 tax increases since the 1992 election, including the imposition of value-added tax on domestic power and fuel bills.

Mr Clarke said that the successful economies of the modern world would be the lowtax economies. But he added: "Affordable tax cuts are good for the economy. Unaffordable tax was an essential prerequisite for cuts can only damage the economy." That was why the key to tax cuts in next month's Budget was tight control over public spending, while ensuring that priority areas like schools, hos- fight against fraud.

tax-cutters - having introduced pitals and the police were properly funded.

However, the main focus of the Chancellor's speech was the section dealing with the European single currency - the ultra-sensitive area that left the Tories so damagingly divided up to the conference season.

Mr Clarke told representatives that there was more that united them than divided them on Europe. They all supported a partnership of nations, the single market, free-market economics, budget-cutting and the

States of Europe, the social chapter, protectionism and

Sticking rigidly to the agreed interests of the British econo-Cabinet line, the Chancellor my. If a Euro-zone is created in said: "We have business to do in Europe, and we must therefore play a powerful part in determining how business is to be

done in Europe. "It is no good creating a modern enterprise economy in Britain, if we do not defend the interests of that enterprise economy in Europe.

"Now economic and mone-

the middle of our single market,

whatever choice - in or out - we make on membership, "The Prime Minister was ab-

we will be directly affected,

would be a dereliction of responsibility.' It is in Britain's in-

terest to keep our options open.

"When we do decide.

Prime Minister and I intend to staying in the game, we sacrifice be there, talking about it, in-nothing, and we gain much. At fluencing it, and defending the every stage, we have the right to say no.

If it was decided to join the single currency in the next Parhament, there would be a ref-

erendum, he said. Mr Clarke then added his voice to the appeal for unity. solutely right to say. For us to saying: "Let us spend the next opt out of the debate now six months and the election uniting behind that policy, attacking the Labour Party, talking about the economy, and winning the next election.



Hands up: Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, soaks up the applause after his conference address yesterday

Take That, HMS Belfast and Spudulike.

But, as Virginia Bottomley made clear, heritage is not just British, it is Tory. First she referred to something called John Major's National Lottery" (a bit like Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse Now). Then she appeared to lay claim to a series of British monuments, including Stonehenge. words. Which solves one mystery that has baffled archaeologists - the massive stone circle was built by

Conservatives

and with him the first of the transformations, that of the orgasmic Defence Secretary into a tediously responsible politician. There was no declaration of war on imaginary enemies, no blood-curdling call to repei Beigian phantasms. Instead we got Little Noddy's guide to Tory defence policy and the armed forces, all in one-syllable

The hair was slightly calmer too, his keratinous wings had been clipped, and the whole lot Michael Portillo came next greased. His tie was a pattern know our parents. They do not. But this is no bad thing. Unlike lost power.

of soft fruits rather than crossed bayonets. With his terrific suits, sculpted, heavy features and large lips, he now looks like a cross between an up-market mannequin and an expensive ventriloquist's dummy - Educating Versace.

This was his closing perora-tion as I recall it: "Britain is back. They want to throw it all away. We will not let them. We relish the challenge. We know our duty. We offer ourselves to the people. We wear good suits.

round. Together we will buy it. Thank you." Polite applause followed. Not only was there no orgasm, there hadn't even been

any heavy breathing.

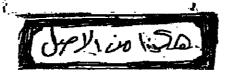
That was left for Kenneth
Clarke, the week's surprise package. He certainly ought to be popular, the economy is expanding, incomes are expanding, employment is expanding and - above all - he is expanding. And it isn't inflation, it's here. Something they have only real. His features are retreating just begun to understand. He is now swept back and heavily They want to take them off. We as his ruddy face engulfs them.

They want to eat you. It's our defence secretaries, say, well-being in chancellors has historically been measured by girth. Remember the Lawson boom?

Ken said nothing he hasn't said for years, claimed no mo promised no more, yet prilonged acclamation transformed him from villain to hero. But why? What effort of will made him the conference darling? He was transformed by something that suffuses Torics was transformed by the fear







Chief Political Correspondent

Sir James Goldsmith bore the brunt of a blazing attack on the Government's critics by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, who yesterday accused the millionaire Refer-endum Party leader of commuting from his mansions abroad to threaten the Tories with defeat at home.

The speech drew a stamping, shouting ovation from the conference faithful, and it is expected to herald the beginning of an all-out attack on the Referendum Party by Tory leaders. He finished by signalling V for victory and five more years in office.

Mr Heseltine also turned his fire on the Tory Euro-sceptic rebels, warning them in the bluntest terms that the Tories could face 17 years in opposition like Labour if they appeared divided at the next election.

"Let me be frank - if you want Labour in power, just go on behaving the way Labour behaved. That kept them in opposition for 17 years," he said. If they continued to cause divisions "at a the party, they would deserve "utter contempt".

But the Deputy Prime Minister reserved his most withering blast for the leader of the of Europe. Referendum Party. It was a high-risk strategy, raising Sir James's credibility, and there was some questioning in the the Tory leadership that it was Heseltine camp before deciding to go ahead with the attack. The party chairman, Brian

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Mawhinney, was cautious about criticising Tory supporters of the

week after it was disclosed that former Tory treasurer, Lord McAlpine, had defected and would be chairing Sir James's

party conference next week.
But Mr Heseltine decided to take off the gloves. His success with the audience yesterday means his attack is almost certain to be followed up with a coordinated attack on the Referendum Party by the Tory leadership in the run-up to the election.

"Do you really want Labour to win?" Mr Heseltine told Sir James. "I say this to you. You're hucky. As you commute between the luxury of your hacienda in Mexico, your chateau in France, and your palazzo in Venice, just remember the rest of us.

"We would have to stay here. We would have to suffer under them [Labour]."

The Tory high command has been trying to avoid a confrontation with Sir James and his high-profile candidates, including the former Thatcher economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters. Some Euro-sceptic MPs at Bournemouth have been predicting that at least 150 MPs and time of maximum damage" to candidates will give clear support in their election addresses to the Referendum Party's demands for a national referendum on Britain's membership

The Independent has learned that John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister, reported to possible Sir James would back down if the Government offered two referendums on a common market or common government. The Tory party rejected



COLIN BROWNChief Political Correspondent

Michael Portillo vesterday

closed Cabinet ranks against Tory rebels calling for a change of policy on the European single currency, and won a standing ovation with a call for "unity, unity, unity". The Secretary of State for De-

fence's "comeback" speech marked his rehabilitation as one of the leading right-wing candi-dates for the Tory leadership and sent a clear message to his Eurosceptic supporters to end the public splits over Europe.

"One thing that has always marked the Conservative Party apart is its will to govern and its determination to win. But I tell this conference: in order to win we need three extra policies unity, unity, unity."

Mr Portillo became the third Euro-sceptic Cabinet minister in two days, following Michael Howard and Peter Lilley, to call for unity behind John Major's



shirt. Page 9

"wait and see" approach, iso-lating those outside the Government, including John Redwood, who want to rule out Britain's entry into a single Euгореап ситепсу.

Sources close to Mr Portillo told The Independent the Defence Secretary has privately warned Euro-sceptics on the backbench that they risk losing the election by causing divisions in the party, and being blamed for a general election defeat.

"He has told the Euro-sceptics that John Major will not change the policy, and they would be better off attacking

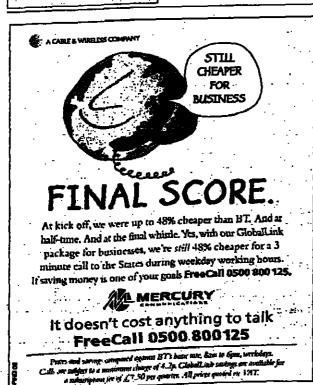
Labour," said one close friend. Mr Portillo's call for unity produced the loudest cheers for his speech in the defence debate. His supporters said his performance had repaired the damage to his reputation caused last year at the conference when he invoked the SAS to show his own strength as De-

fence Secretary.

Doubts were raised about his judgement after last year's speech, and he was eclipsed on the Euro-sceptic right by Mr Redwood, but his supporters said his performance yesterday had recaptured his reputation as Margaret Thatcher's natur-

al long-term successor.

"Margaret Thatcher set the tone for the week, and the Euro-sceptics are rallying behind. Michael's speech was serious, and brilliant."





Hacked off: Dr Mawhinney (left) with Marco Forgione, the Tories' wayward 'defector'

Photograph: Andrew Buurman

Mawhinney's defective ploy

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The story of the "defector who wasn't" should have been good news for Brian Mawhinney yesterday, Instead, the Tory chairman found himself fleeing into the conference centre pursued by journalists.

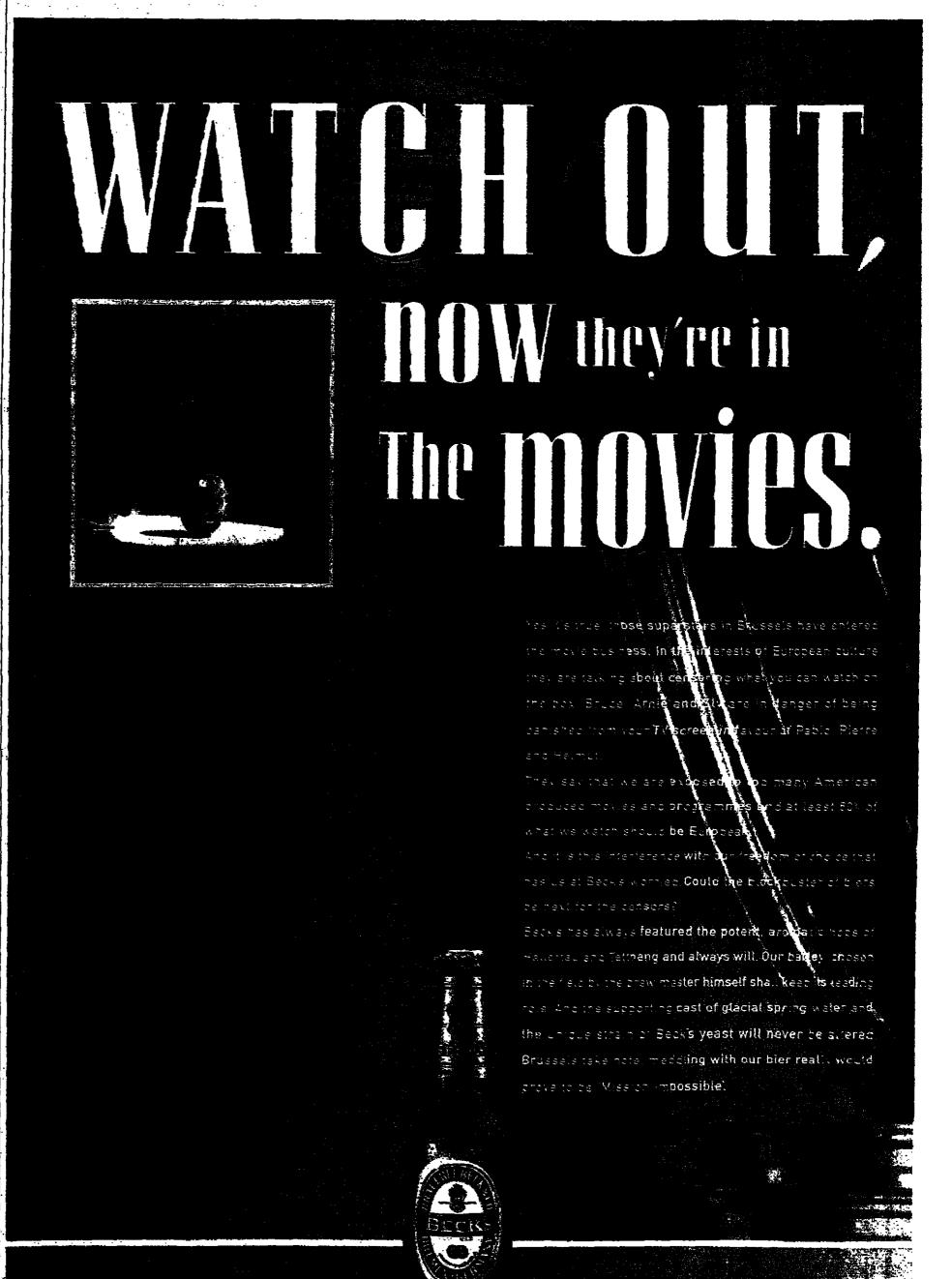
When his recruit admitted at a seaside news conference that he had never been a Labour member, Dr Mawhinney cut questions short and fled to the all with his charge. Marco Forgione, 26, a caterer from Yewil, once worked for the Labour MP Keith Vaz but a Tory news release saying he had once "joined the socialists" turned out to be misleading. Asked if he bad ever been a

Labour member, Mr Forgione said he was "a firm supporter" efore admitting he had never held a party card. Later, he said he once voted Labour in a local election and had "abstained" in the 1992 election. He had been a "parliamen-

speechwriter" to Mr Vaz, a spokesman on environment issues. Mr Vaz issued a statement saying: " ... While he briefly worked with me in 1993-94 he showed no interest in politics. He was never involved in any party political issues."

Mr Forgione said he had "very much enjoyed working" for Mr Vaz but did not like Labour's "whole ethos". Prompted by a Tory press offi-cer, be singled out the European Social Chapter and national minimum wage.
The story later took a ness

twist as it emerged Mr Forgione's non-defection had occurred some time ago. Yeovil Liberal Democrats said he had been an active Tory locally for about two years. "He is a frequent correspondent in the local paper in support of the Conservative cause, often writing from the local Tory HQ," said a Liberal Democrat spokesman. Mr Forgione said he joined the party last year.



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Schools gain new power to ban disrupters

Tougher rules will exclude unruly pupils from class but parents' right to appeal is sliding JUDITH JUDD Education Editor

New powers for schools to exclude disruptive pupils were amounced yesterday by Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment. Her announcement came as new research revealed that the dice in exclusion cases are already weighted heavily against parents and children and in favour of schools.

An education Bill to be published shortly will limit parents' right to choose a school once their child had been excluded twice. It will also give schools the right to representation at independent appeal panels on ex-clusions and will impose on panels the duty to consider the interests of other school children.

Yet research from London University's Institute of Education shows that appeals panels overturn heads' and governors' decisions in only 0.5 per cent of cases. Dr David Gillborn's review of exclusions research shows that many pupils are being excluded for comparatively minor cases of in discipline, a breach of Government rules.

Parents who try to challenge heads' and governors' decisions face find schools do not tell them of their rights. The injustice of many exclusion decisions is all the more serious because fewer than one in three ex-



Out of favour: Richard Wilding, 13, is one schoolboy who, already expelled from Glaisdale School, Nottingham, knows the ignominy of failing to live up to previous expectations Photograph: Edward Syles

school, according to the study.
The research challenges more widely than the official definition would allow." Only 3.2 per cent of parents commonly-held views about ex-

clusion. Only a minority of lodge an appeal against their child's exclusion, according to the research. Parents are often upils is permanently excluded for bullying and attacking other pupils and teachers, says not given the information they Dr Gillborn. "In practice, thereneed about appeals, and somefore, exclusion is used much times their rights are denied.

The proceedings may be unfair to parents because schools fail to tell them in advance of all the allegations against their children, szys Dr Gillborn.

Mrs Shephard said schools will also be able to exclude pupils for longer periods. At present, they are able to ban a tract promising to obey school

child for a maximum of 15 days a term or permanently exclude them. The bill will extend the limit to 45 days. Teachers will be allowed to detain pupils after school without parental consent, and refuse to admit a child unless parents sign a con-

rules. Education authorities will have to draw up plans to help schools deal with disrupwho are permanently excluded.

tive pupils and educate children Headteachers welcomed the proposals to tighten up disci-pline but Nigel de Gruchy, gen-eral secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters sters. There is an emerging and Union of Women Teachers, said. "Overall the proposals fail lamentably to match up to the threat posed by the developing crisis of hard-core violence and disruption being perpetrated by a small but con-

second generation of violent disrupters whose parents are at the root of the problem." Mr de Gruchy's union recently threatened to strike in several schools following the overturning of a decision to permanently ex-clude disruptive pupils.



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Rio summit's green pledges to be broken

NICHOLAS SCHOON

The great majority of developed countries will fail to keep Rio Earth Summit promises to stabilise rising emissions of green-house gases, oil company executives and civil servants were told yesterday.

Lee Solsbury, a senior official with the International Energy Agency told an oil industry seminar in Paris that the latest forecasts from the countries themselves showed their total annual emissions of carbon dioxide, the most important of the man-made greenhouse gas-es, would rise by between 8 and 14 per cent between 1990 and 2000.

Yet at the Earth Summit in Río de Janeiro in 1992 presidents and prime ministers of the rich countries signed a treaty in which they undertook to freeze emissions at their 1990 level by the end of the century.

Every year since then, their overall output of climate changing CO2, produced by burning fossil fuels, has gone on rising, said Mr Solsbury. "Emissions are likely to grow substantially in the absence of further goverament intervention," he concluded. His agency is part of the OECD, the club of wealthy developed nations.

The exceptions are Switzerland, Luxembourg, Germany and Britain. The first two hardly count, since they only make a minuscule contribution to

global CO2 output. Britain and Germany are world leaders in pressing for countries to take the global warming threat seriously, but their emission cuts are mainly

the result of historical flukes. Britain has recently almost closed down its coal industry, and coal is the fuel which produces most CO2 per unit of energy. Gas, which produces far less, has been substituted. And with German unification the notoriously energy-inefficient heavy industries of Eastern Germanyare being shut down or modernised.

For the rest of the developed world CO2 emissions are forecast to carry on rising beyond 2000. Yet environmental organisations and the European Union are calling for post-2000 cuts, to protect humanity from the threat of destructive climate

change in the next century. A tougher climate change treaty is due to be negotiated between states by the end of next year. But it looks unlikely to achieve any substantial reductions in the world's growth in CO2 emissions, now rising at 2 per cent a year.

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Police volunteers to have CS sprays

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JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

Part-time volunteer police officers are to be armed with CS sprays in a move that has outraged civil liberty campaigners

Specials are much more who believe the public could be likely to be panicked into using endangered.

Yorkshire are to be given several hours of training before they are equipped with the they are equipped with the hand-held devices while on patrol and during other operational duties. Other forces are expected to adopt a similar died in police custody in east policy. Constabularies throughout England and Wales were given the go-ahead last August given the go-ahead last August to issue CS sprays.

The civil rights group Liberty yesterday expressed deep concern about the development and argued that unpaid officers with limited experience should not be armed with such poten-

tially dangerous equipment.

The incapacitant takes immediate effect and causes streaming eyes and nose, eyelid spasm, breathing difficulties, and in some cases blistering of the skin. Two chief constables of the Surrey and Hertfordshire forces - are refusing to arm their officers with CS spray because of the possible side-effects.

The spray was introduced to tackle the growing number of at-tacks on police officers. Six-month trials held earlier this year resulted in a drop in the number of assaults. CS sprays were used on 582 occasions during which five people needed hospital treatment but no one suffered long-term damage.

John Wadham, director of

Liberty, said: "We are already

CS gas sprays by full-time trained officers. Giving special constables access as well is bound to lead to further risk to members of the public,

the sprays when confronted the far more experienced full-time regular police officers."

back. However, the police have stressed that a post-mortem examination found that Ibrahima Sey, 29, was suffering from heart group of nightclubbers is to sue Merseyside Police after officers

allegedly released CS spray into their coach, and shut the doors. But Tony Lidgate, spokesman for North Yorkshire police, which has about 350 special constables, defended the force's decision to arm the volunteers." He said: "Nobody in the force will go out with a CS spray until they have been fully trained by police instructors. We believe our specials should be proper-ly protected. They are people who are giving their own time and putting their life and limb

on the line for the community." A Home Office spokeswoman added: "If chief constables want to equip their specials with CS spray it is en-tirely up to them. The chief constables are there to ensure that all officers are properly trained."

Half of smokers risk death by 70s

Lifelong smokers are about half as likely to reach the age of 73 as non-smokers, according to a report which estimates for the first time the impact of prospects of British men.

The British Regional Heart Study followed up more than 7,700 men for up to 15 years. and found that those who had started smoking by the age of 20 and never quit had a 42 per cent chance of reaching 73, compared with 78 per cent of men who had never smoked.

Dr Andrew Phillips of the Royal Free Hospital, London, said the new data would help people - particularly the young

dangers of smoking. By the end of the study in December 1993, 127 life-long non-smokers had died compared with 560 lifelong smokers. Causes of death potentially related to smoking in-cluded heart disease and hing disease and cancer, including of the mouth, throat, pancreas, respiratory and urmary systems

The men, who were recruited from a single representative GP's practice in 24 towns in Britain, were between 40 and 59 when entered into the study between 1978 and 1980, according to the report in tomorrow's issue of the British Medical Journal. More than three-quarters had smoked at some time in their life and the average age of smoking their first cigarette was 16.

A debate where the gloves remained firmly on Page 11

Off the cuff: Major's exposure has promted Andrew Neil to put his jacket on but Tony Blair, like the Prime Minister, knows the look goes down well. For Michael Douglas in the film 'Wall Street', the Showing his shirt is Major's way of baring his soul

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Sexy, youthful and a step closer to Oasis, possibly, but the Prime Minister was following Tony Benn

altogether like a university student, naughtier in some way." Labour accused Mr Major of copying Tony Blair but the vet-eran left-wing MP Tony Berm took the credit for originating don't go doing it again," he im-plored. "Prime ministers should be buttoned up to the neck and wear spats. I like them to look the style of appearing in shirt-sleeves. "Me, I have been dosmart and clean and so, I think, ing it for years," he said. does most of the nation in their Peter York, social commen-

heart of hearts. tator and co-author of the

Sloane Ranger's Handbook, was unimpressed by Mr Major's of the Sunday Times who now torial stunt worked a treat. unimpressed by Mr Major's of the Sunday Times who now stant. Please, Prime Minister, presents a political propresents a political pro-gramme for the BBC, was yesterday anxious to distance himself from the style. "I don't want to be associated with the sartorial style of John Major," he said.."I'm putting my jacket on.

Oliver James, a clinical psy-

The implicit message, he said, was that the Prime Minister had nothing to hide.

The symbol was the naked and the clothed," he said. "Clothing equals deception. Nakedness equals truth and authenticity. They were trying to draw attention to the difference

between the honesty and earth-iness of Major and the artifice of Blair wearing his jacket and clothing his speech in artificial rhetorical language.

Professor Cary Cooper, an occupational psychologist at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, believes Mr Major has

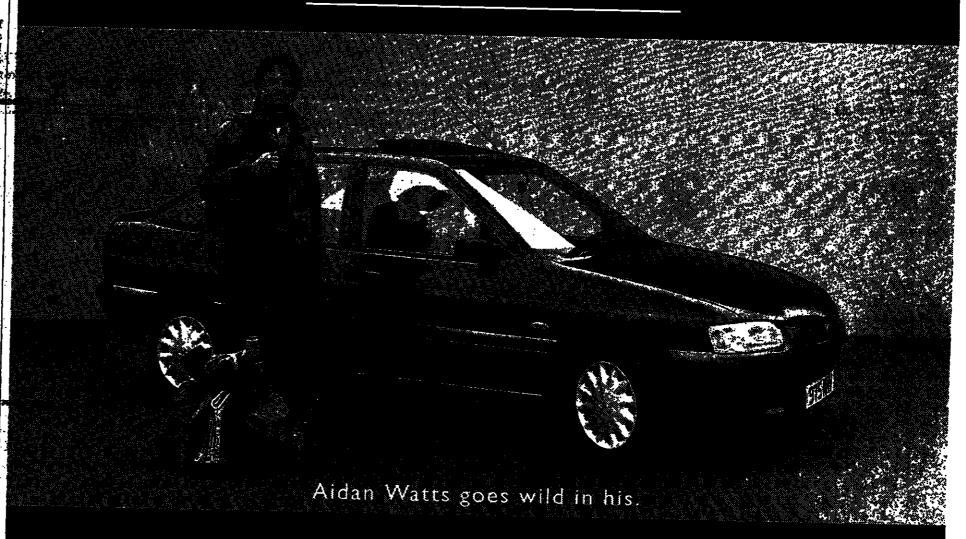
sonality. "He has played to his strength, that is, folksy, down-to-earth, ordinary," Professor Cooper said. look his sexiest.

Mr Major had struck a daring pose, he added. "It's in-novative. It's saying, "This is a opinion polls, I'll just be me."
There may be one satisfied, or semi-satisfied, customer out there: Lady Archer. The Tory peer's wife says a shirt, with the sleeves rolled up, makes a man

"I don't know why it is so at-tractive," she said, "Something to do with hairy forearms. It party that's prepared to break the mould.' It could also be means Jeffrey [her husband] is about to do some work of some saying, 'I've got nothing to sort - playing the piano or getfound a format that suits his per- lose, we're so behind in the ting down to some writing.

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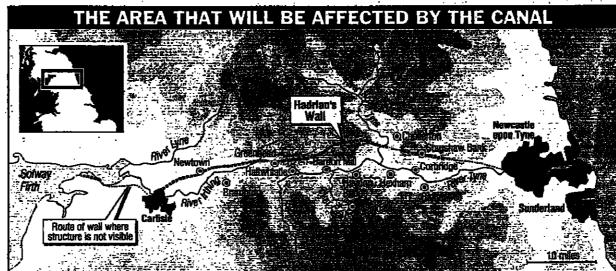
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Council shelves water highway plan





Project to link North Sea with Irish Sea has angered environmentalists CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Transport Correspondent It might seem like the most ambitious scheme since Moses tried to part the Red Sea, but a plan to build a 53-mile "water highway" from the North Sea to the Irish Sea is to be pre-

sented to councillors across the

north of England over the next Yesterday, the scheme, estimated to cost £6bn, received a cool welcome from the North of England Councils Association and it has already attracted the wrath of evironmentalists. But the promoter of the idea, a retired engineer called Derek Russell is undeterred and sees it as the answer to the prob-

lems of pollution and gridlock in the roads of the South East. With tentative backing from AMEC, the engineering firm, and a couple of other companies. Mr Russell has created the Western Water Highway Association to push forward the idea and the Association hopes soon to begin a feasibility study.

Mr Russell does not like the term "canal" as it suggests "a few sleepy fishermen on a seven-foot wide stretch of water". Instead he sees the link between the Solway Firth and the Tyne at Newcastle as a water highway, like the one recently built in central Europe linking the Danube with the Rhine.

He reckons it would carry around 200 million tonnes of freight a year between emerging markets between Northern and Eastern Europe and the

said: "Why should all these goods go down south where there is already too much traffic and the pollution is giving asthma to millions of children?"

While arguing that the environmental benefits far outweigh the disadvantages, he accepts that there are some problems in the Tyne Valley west. of Newcastle, but says there is no threat to Hadrian's Wall: "It would only cross the line of the wall at one point, but there is nothing left of the wall for about six miles on either side."

However, Roger Higman, transport campaigner of Friends of the Earth, says the effect of the scheme would be devastating: "The Solway Firth, one of the most important areas for birds, would have to be dredged. There would be lots of new housing built in rural areas and in any case the whole thing is totally unnecessary. Suez and Panama might be good short-cuts, but this one isn't worth the trouble. We will be fighting it all the way."

After yesterday's meeting at Hartlepool Civic Centre, Councilior John McCormack, chairman of NECA, said they were not adopting either a "for or against" stance at this stage, but pressing for improvements to existing rail and road links. He added: "This does not

mean we are against the West-ern Water Highway, but we want the emphasis to be on the immediate problems which can be dealt with in the short term before talking about something more grandiose and for the North West and Ireland. He next century



Health chiefs 'waste millions'

SUSAN EMMETT

Health authorities in England and Wales are wasting millions of pounds because of bad bookkeeping, according to a survey published yesterday.

Research into the purchasin patterns of seven unnamed health authorities found that £651.9m is being wasted through ignorance about which services authorities buy and what they spend.
The study, by the Anti-Ra-

tioning group, a think tank and research body, was prompted by the rationing of leukaemia treatment for 11-year-old Jamie Bowen - Child B - by the Cambridge and Huntingdon health

The report examines what health authorities were paying for 40 different services and found a general pattern of inappropriate spending and massive overspending.

The findings, published in the Health Service Journal, show that health authorities knew how much money they had spent on emergency services such as casualty, surgical emergency and maternity only 65 per cent of the time.

They could also only identify 66 per cent of spending on non-acute services such as care for the elderly and mentally ill. And only 69 per cent of spending on community care services such as psychiatric nursing, drug abuse and occupational therapy could be pinpointed. One of the health authorities

investigated was unable to supply any cost break down at all. The problem arises because of the usual practice of block buying, in which a range of services are bought in a single package. This does not allow health authorities to distinguish between the services and allocate money accordingly, says the

anti-rationing group.

The report says millions are ** being mis-spent on buying ser-vices which are not yet proven to be effective, blind buying and overpaying on certain services.

A Department of Health spokesman said: "If anyone has evident of conspicuous waste, it should be put to the health authority concerned and the Na-

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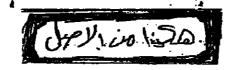


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Platitudes fly as Kemp bottles out The vice-presidential debate was

strong on civility and weak on beastliness, writes David Usborne St Petersburg, Florida - If it is

a fact, as the commentators constantly assert, that voters in America dislike partisan politics and negative campaigning, then the "Al Gore-Jack Kemp Show", which was aired from here on Wednesday night, will surely have been a national smash hit. Any television critic, however, might have some

On stage for 90 minutes in a shore-side theatre under the gaze of the network cameras, the Vice-President, Al Gore, and his Republican challenger, Jack Kemp, served up a debate that was crammed with sometimes esoteric policy substance but which was almost bereft of gloves-off combat.

The pair, both of whom can sometimes appear more like university dons than political candidates, lingered on economic policy and on differences between the supply-side, tax-cutting position of Mr Kemp and the more cautious Clinton-Gore approach for limited tax cuts and protecting recent progress in cutting the deficit. Other topics broached included abortion, foreign policy and affirmative action.

Anticipation of the debate had been high because of its potential as a preview of the presidential match-up in four years. Mr Gore, 48, is widely seen as the logical Democratic nominee in 2000 if Clinton-Gore wins this time. Mr Kemp, 61, whose choice as running-mate to Bob Dole drew much praise, is also seen as his party's likely choice next time round.

But those who had been waiting for that one zinger - of the "You're no Jack Kennedy" ilk (Lloyd Bentsen to Dan Quayle in the 1988 vice-presi-Mr Dole had not taken a stronger line of attack in his first debate with Bill Clinton on dog role.

Journalists accommodated in an adjacent ice-hockey rink joined the Dole ticket. sagged as it became clear the ent was going to be all civility and no beastliness. "If this is the presidential debate in 2000, America is going to ask 'What else is on?' ventured one political editor.

Many wished rhetorically for the return of Admiral James Stockdale to the stage and who. as Ross Perot's 1992 runningmate, stunned the audience by asking: "Who am I? Why am I

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came during discussion of economic policy. Mr Kemp ag-gressively sold his platform's promise to cut taxes across the board by 15 per cent, insisting it would lead to a doubling of the American economy in 15 years. Overstepping anything Mr Dole has yet to suggest, Mr Kemp vowed that a Dole-Kemp administration would move on to scrap the existing tax code altogether. "We're going to repeal the 83-year-old code and replace the 7.5 million words with a flatter, fairer, simpler code. And that will take this country roaring into the 21st century.

Mr Gore, however, repeatedly attacked the tax proposal, warning it "would blow a hole in the deficit". He also used the issue to spotlight the Democratic claim, which has apparently hit target especially with older voters, that it would mean slashing social-security payments. Medicare and Medicaid.

Mr Gore, who projects some self-deprecating humour in spite of his automaton image. also came closest to a knock-out all evening. When Mr Kemp suggested his tax-cut plan was not so much trickle-down economics as "Niagara Falls", the Vice-President fired back that Dole-Kemp would "put the American economy in a barrel and send it over the falls".

Mr Kemp appeared almost uncomfortable on foreign policy, visibly stumbling when asked to debate America's role in Haiti. Other clashes involved dential debate) - were disappointed. So probably were many Republican supporters who had been frustrated that the control of t procedures, and on affirma-

tive action for minorities.
On the latter issue, the Vice-Sunday and who were looking President noted that Mr Kemp to Mr Kemp to play the attack- had abandoned his support for retaining some forms of affirmative action the day after he

Little in the debate is likely of the 1996 campaign. As for 2000, a CNN/USA Today poll gave Mr Gore the edge over Mr Kemp as presidential material. Fifty-three per cent said they would like to see Mr Gore in the White House compared to 41 per cent for Mr Kemp. And their screen careers? "Even television was yawning," Mon-ica Yant, television critic of the here?" The meatiest moments St Petersburg Times, wrote.



Talk show: The Republican Jack Kemp (left) makes a point during his encounter with Vice-President Al Gore

on the millennium JACK KEMP

football-player for the Ser Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills and metals of Congress 1971-196 Unsuccessful candid for Republication presidential nomination in 1988, before serving as Housing Secretary under Bush. Declined to enter 1996 presidential result before surprisingly before surprisingly picked as Dole a mate on 10 August.

AL GORE: Ago 48. Harvard-educated, 8 member of Congress 1977-1985 before being elected US Senator from Tennessee in 1984. Like Kemp, also unsuccessfully sought

presidential nomination in 1988. Sat out 1992 race for personal reasons but selected by then Arkansas governor Bill Clinton aş his running-mate in July 1992. A respected and influential Vice-President, and an early favourite for the Democratic nomination in 2000.

Patten extends olive branch to business leaders

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Bearing a rather small olive branch, Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday entered the hons' den in another attempt to persuade the colony's business leaders that they needed to speak up for the preservation of the territory's freedoms because, if they did not, "who do you think will?".

The former chairman of the Conservative Party finds himself condemned by Hong Kong businessmen as a "closet Socialist" beat on profligate social spending, and as a dangerous radical advocating reckless

democratic reform.
For the better part of the past year Mr Patten has been trying to pacify business community ders whom he indirectly accused of hypocrisy for refusing to assist in Hong Kong's democratic development while arranging bolt holes for themmocratic societies in the event that next year's tran-sition to Chinese rule goes



In yesterday's speech to the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Patten flattered the business leaders by suggesting that in the past they had used their influence with the incoming Chinese govern-ment to assist in negotiations which helped preserve the colony's way of life.

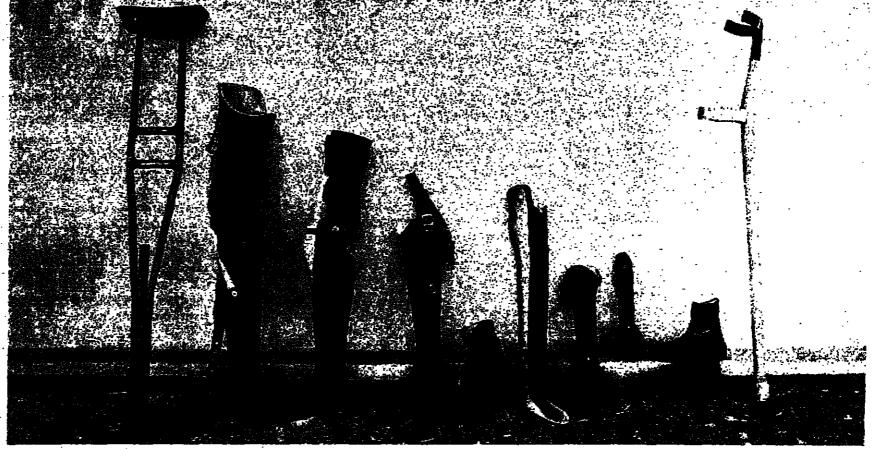
However, he reminded them that more than half the companies listed on the local stock exchange had established domiciles offshore. He wondered aloud why they had done so if they were not concerned about the preservation of the rule of law at a time when it was in question, because of China's attitude to judicial matters.

Although the Governor is trying to keep the business community on side it is clear he regards this as a losing battle. arty all the colony's but leaders vocally oppose Mr Pat-ten, following the lead of the Chinese government which says his actions will be "cononed for a thousa ations". Mr Patten made a wry reference to this criticism which he seems to wear as a badge of

The organisation he was ad-

dressing yesterday is solidly be-hind China's plans for the transfer of sovereignty and bas plained to Mr Patten of bias against businessmen. One of its leaders, the legislator and 2001, James Tien, described the Governor's speech as "positive". It failed, however, to dispel the misgivings he had about Mr Patten's insistence on telling China what it needs to do to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms. The business leaders believe the Governor is undn-

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Today the growth industry in Cambodia isn't fashion. It's prosthetics.

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Jerusalem divided: After the tunnel battles, Muslims have scored a victory

Passions inflamed by secret mosque

PATRICK COCKBURN

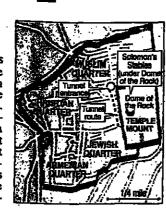
In the struggle for the holy sites of Jerusalem, Muslims have of Jerusalem, Musums have won a victory by constructing an underground mosque, capable of holding 7,000 worshippers, beneath the great masomy platform built by Herod on which stand Islam's third holiest shrines. The new mosque, built in semi-secret, is in an undergound area known as Solomon's Stables, where the Crusaders once kept their war-

The revelation that the mosque is to open in the next week is further fuelling ani-mosity between Muslims and Jews in Jerusalem. "We had two attacks by Jewish extremists yesterday," said Adnan Hussein, the director of Islamic Waqf, which administers the mosques and shrines on the Haram Es-Sharif, "the Noble Sanctuary".

Solomon's Stables have nothing to do with Solomon and were not designed for the stabling of horses. The 12 rows of graceful columns are rather the underground support for the south end of Temple Mount, the 34-acre platform built by Herod as the site for the Second Temple.

Haram, Mr Hussein insists that the mosque had been used for Islamic devotions since Muslims captured the city. That is not that Jewish extremists would strictly true but there is little Israel can do to reverse its conversion into a mosque since the Stables of Solomon are firmly under Islamic control. "If they try to stop us there will be a much greater popular reaction than over the tunnel," Mr Hus-

Many Muslims in Jerusalem



Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, of the tunnel beneath the Muslim quarter which led to the death of 75 Israelis and Palestinians, Waqf officials deny reports that they discussed a deal with the authorities whereby they would not object to the exit to the tunnel if they were allowed to open their mosque.

The work on Solomon's Sta-

bles was carried out by volunteers from the Israeli-Arab community. The rough floor has been retiled and lighting installed. Meir Ben-Dov, an archaeologist, says that the Islamic authorities, fearing Jewish encroachment on Temple Mount, In his office overlooking the laram, Mr Hussein insists that the mosque had been used for are trying to Islamise various sites to pre-empt Israeli claims that could be made in future. The Muslims are also also worried exploit the Stable area and use

it to penetrate Temple Mount." The fate of the Haram, which the Jews call Temple Mount, has always stirred the deepest po-litical passions. King Abdullah of Jordan was shot dead in the al-Agsa mosque there in 1951, for compromising with Israel. In 1967, after the Israeli capture say they see the new mosque as a quid pro quo, intended or not, front of the Walling Wall was



bulldozed. In 1990 17 Palestinians, who stormed into the Haram because they believed it was about to come under attack by Jewish zealots intending to rebuild the Second Temple,

were shot dead by Israeli troops.

Bruised by criticism of the opening of the tunnel, the Israeli government has agreed that the renovation and conversion of Solomon's Stables is legal. Seven members of the Temple Mount faithful movement, who want to take over the Haram and knock down the mosques, were arrested for trying to pray near al-Aqsa by way of protest.

The struggle for control and access to Holy Sites in Jerusalem and the West Bank has escalated as a result of the Oslo accords. As Israeli forces redeployed Jewish settlers, their religious supporters have in-sisted on heavy military pro-tection for Jews wishing to go to Joseph's Well in Nablus, Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem and the religious sites in Hebron. The purpose is as much to thwart the implementation of

tinian President. enbracing an elderly admire Council that talks with Israel

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NZ no-hoper set to turn the poll tables

Vellington

Four months ago, five leading frontbenchers of New Zealand's opposition Labour Party urged Helen Clark, their leader, to step aside in light of her disnal standing in opinion polls. She refused and is now possed to become the country's poised to become the country's first female prime minister after tomorrow's election.

It would be one of the biggest fight-backs in New Zealand's political history for a woman renowned as one of Parlis-ment's finest intellects but who lacks popular appeal. Labour, racked by dissent since David Lange resigned as prime min-ister in 1989, has languished in

the polls all this election year. Ms Clark, 46, with her humourless image, had struggled to get above the margin of er-ror in opinion polls. But in the last few weeks of the campaign support has picked up dramat-ically and Ms Clark, sporting a glamorous new hairstyle and softer image, is tipped to lead a centre-left coalition government. A former lecturer, she has lightened her academic mien by attending rugby-league match-es and race meetings.

She ousted the previous Labour leader, Mike Moore, af-ter he lost the 1993 election, and has moved Labour to the centre and kept it together in a pe-riod of turnoil leading up to the first election conducted under proportional representation.

Ms Clark's main opponent,

Jim Bolger, leader of the con-servative National Party and Prime Minister for the past six years, has been called the Indiarubber man of New Zealand politics. Policy flip-flops have seen him embrace the Labour anti-nuclear policy he once con-demned, and Nelson Mandela, whom former National gov-eruments dubbed a terrorist.

He has also showed steel in holding his government together after winning re-election with a single-seat majority in



Labour leader Helen Clark (above), could oust Jim



fecting MPs, running a minority administration and then cobbling together a coalition-Much of this time he did poor-iy in opinion polls, being seen as arrogant and pompous, while his party remained popular. An MP for 24 years, the 61-

year-old farmer, son of Irish immigrants and father of nine, has mellowed like the whisky he relaxes with late at night. But he remains convinced he is the only person who can lead the country in the new political envi-ronment. He is fighting for his political life, because his party

is unforgiving of losers.

No politician since the late Robert Muldoon has polarised New Zealanders like Winston Peters, leader of New Zealand First and likely to become deputy prime minister, whichev-

er party forms the new govern-ment. Once tipped by Mul-doon as the first Maori prime minister, he has attracted the biggest crowds of any leader during the campaign. Oppo-nents, including the Asian community, which sees his anti-immigration stance as racist, and big business, which fears his pledge to stem foreign investment and stamp out an avoidance, detest him.

He has campaigned under the slogan "New Zealand for New Zealanders" and says his is the genuine people's party. He founded it in 1993 after Mr Bolger expelled him from the cabinet for defying government policy. His popularity was not greatly dented this year when a court found he had defamed a businessman whom he alleged had tried to bribe him. He will not say which party New Zealand First would join in a coalition but it is likely to be Labour, to keep out Mr Bolger and his former colleagues.

If big business fears Mr Peters, it is scared rigid by Jim Anderton, leader of the left-wing NZ Alliance, which wants to raise taxes, introduce a 10-percent levy on imports and restore for all. Mr Anderton, a former Labour backbencher who quit in 1989 in protest at its free-market policies, says the Alliance will not join a formal coalition with anybody. But with a possible 20-odd seats in the new parliament, its support on votes of confidence will be critical to keep a Labour-New Zealand

First coalition in power. Mr Anderton, the honest face of New Zealand politics, has performed miracles in keeping the Alliance, a coalition of five disparate parties, together since its formation in 1991. He has twice stepped down as leader after family crises but has bounced back. He says the Alliance will not water down its policies for a share of power, and is bent on building up the party to govern alone in 1999

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Dissident trial heralds Chinese clampdown



Wang Dan: Facing seven years in jail for sedition

TERESA POOLE Peking

China appears determined to put on trial one of the country's most outspoken young dissidents after telling his family to find a lawyer by this afternoon.

Wang Dan, 26, who has been hald netbout characterism. held without charge since May last year, may face up to seven years in jail for counter-revolutionary activities or sedition. It is the second time this week that the government's hardline

policy on dissent has been on show. On Wednesday, Liu Xiaobo was sentenced without trial to three years "re-educa-tion through labour". His crime was to petition last month for freedom of speech and the right to form political parties, and to criticise President Jiang Zemin for saying the army was under the control of the party rather than the state.

under 24-hour surveillance by

Mr Wang's family have not seen him since he was detained,

do not know where he is, and

do not know the charges against

him. This is despite a much-pub-licised new Chinese law which

is supposed to restrict the time

anyone can be held without for-

mal charge to 30 days. The new

regulations are also supposed to

ensure a defendant has sever-

al days with a lawyer to prepare

a case. In practice, justice is dis-

pensed swiftly; it took less than 24 hours for police to detain Mr

Liu and sentence him using so-

called "administrative" rather than judicial procedures.

Mr Wang's name was men-

tioned during the trial last De-cember of China's most pro-

minent dissident. Wei Jing-sheng, jailed for 14 years for

conspiracy. During the prose-

cution he was accused of work-

Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, yesterday scorned Mr Wei's nomination

for this year's Nobel Peace

Prize, announced today. "A

criminal like him has no quali-

fication to receive any prize at

ing with Mr Wei.

all," said Mr Shen.

public security officials.

The latest moves against dis-sidents are in line with attempts by the party to tighten political control while moving ahead with economic reform. Mr Zemin's edict to "talk more about politics" was enshrined as official policy yesterday when the annual Communist Party plenum closed and published a document dwelling on "pro-moting socialist ethical and cultural progress".

This campaign, dubbed "spir-itual civilisation" by Mr Jiang, covers everything from personal behaviour to a clampdown on Western media on the In-

Mr Wang was one of the stu-dent leaders of the 1989 prodemocracy rallies in Tiananmen Square, and after the 4 June bloody crackdown he spent more than three years in prison. After his release, Mr Wang stayed in China and continued oublicly to criticise the govern-



Sign of the times: A cyclist ignores a government poster urging moral regeneration in Huairou yesterday

ment and write articles for for eign newspapers. By the time he was detained last year, he was

Photograph: Reuter

Jiang rallies support with call for ideological control

Skyscrapers have mushroomed, Mao suits have given way to mobile phones, and private businessmen are making small fortunes. But yesterday, the Chinese Communist Party demonstrated how after 18 years of economic reform, official political rhetoric is still stuck in the old era, writes Teresa Poole. At the end of the annual gathering

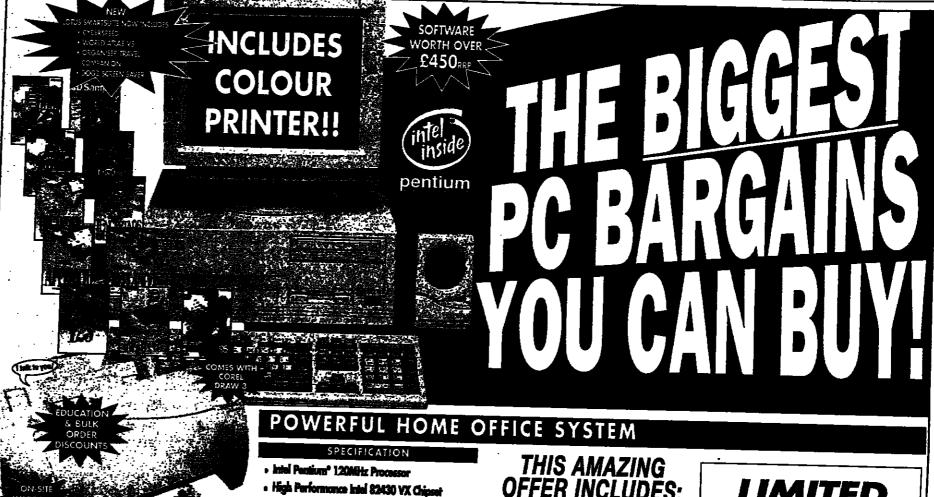
of the central committee, the most important political meeting of the year, China's leaders sidestepped focused on "promoting ethical and cultural progress", a byward for tightening ideological control.

The four-day annual party plenum ended last night with a call for more emphasis on "ideological education" and the "national spirit of self reliance". The pienum document described how a "marked improvement of citizens' quality should be realized". through everything from "penetrating and sustained" education in patriotism to "excellent literary works".

Behind the call for "lofty ideals" is, of course, a more serious game. This

is the last plenum before next Au-tumn's full party congress at which top level jobs will be shuffled. So from now on, behind the scenes, President Jiang Zemin is doing everything he can to bolster his position as the so-called "core" of the new leadership - and head of the new readersumbered of the party. Whether or not the ailing 92-year-old Deng Xiaoping is around for next year's congress, Mr Jiang does not want to risk alienating

any faction of the party.
In China there is no safer political manifesto than a call for Socialist valnes. The plenum document expanded on Mr Jiang's repeated calls this year for a "spiritual civilization", which has encompassed everything from the need for patriotism to dealing with the rising tide of crime, prostitution, drugs, corruption. Such social ills are uniformly blamed on the influence of Western mores. The plenum document also indicated a further crackdown on control of the mass media, with "politically sound" professionals to



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Witness to a lost society: The bridge, a monument to Ottoman power, remains but the Muslim community

has gone. Everywhere mosques, such as the one

Devastation and despair along the Drina Balti

BACK TO 🤌 BOSNIA

Robert Fisk

reports on a valley in the shadow of death in his series from the former Yugoslavia a year after the ceasefire

Visegrad, Serb-controlled east-ern Bosnia - On the entrance to the tunnel, the writing was on the wall. The only good balija is a dead one," the graffiti said.
"Balija" is an old word for a Turk and now - as vicious a racist word as "nigger" - has come to mean "Muslim". And here we were, scarcely five miles from the great bridge over the Drina, the stone masterpiece of 10 arches with which the Turks blessed eastern Bosnia at the height of their 16th-century power. Yet on the next tunnel through the rock wall of the valley, the message was even bleaker. "Arkan," it said, referring to the nastiest of Serbian Bosnia's ethnic cleansers, "thank you.

We only had to look around us, as we drove down the valley of the Drina, to know what the Serbs had to thank Arkan for. Village after village dozens of them, some along the narrow road beside the water, others nestling high up along the mountain tree-line lay in ruins, more than 100 miles of them, their houses torched, their mosques pul-verised, the minarets settled into the rubble, a muezzin's rusting loudspeaker amid the

"cleansed" in 1992. But the

newly elected Bosnian President

- always supposing his election

was fair - has not seen the

wilderness created along the

banks of the broad, softly flow-

ing river, the utter finality with which the Serbs have scorched

Into burned house after

house I clambered, only to find

a few picture frames, empty bot-

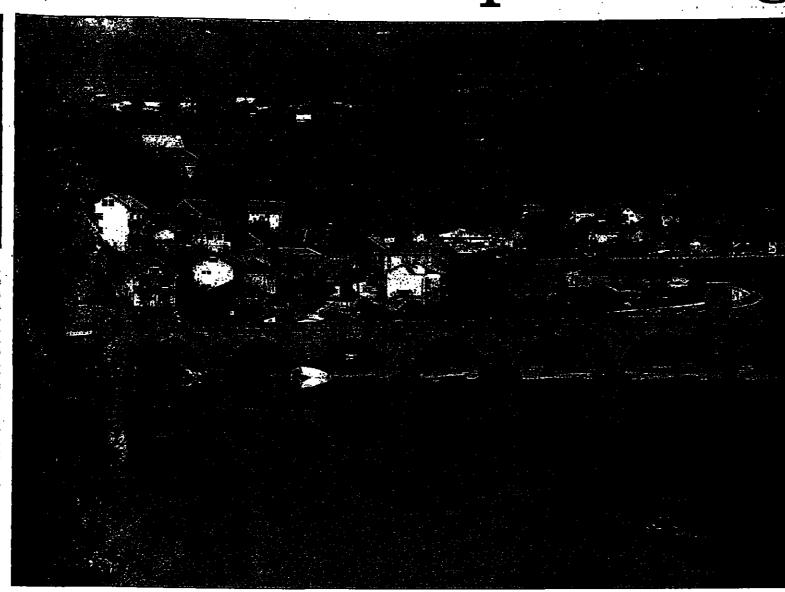
tles of Slivovic - from which

came the "cleansers" courage

the earth.

Survivors have told the world of the massacres around Prijedor, in northern Bosnia, in 1992; but there were few witnesses to the carnage along the upper Drina, the traditional home of the Muslims of eastern Bosnia. The drive down to Visegrad shows why.

Alija Izetbegovic says that his frontier will extend to beyond the Drina, that the people of the great ravines and valleys will re-



There are no fishermen, farm animals or roadside shops; only ruins and overgrown fields and no doubt, to be undiscovered for ever, the mass graves

emmen, no farm animais, no roadside shops; only darkened ruins and overgrown fields, and no doubt - to be undiscovered for ever - the mass graves of the men and women of the

- carbonised rafters and the husks of washing machines and fridges and rotting carpets. From Visigrad south to Med-The Serbs of Visigrad try to treat all this with disdain. "Life iedia and Ustipraca, and north is bad for us - the prices, the to Zvornik, it is the valley of the lack of money, the isolation," a cafe proprietor grumbled above shadow of death. Not a soul stirs in the forests. There are no fish-

got nothing from this war."
The conviction that the war was lost is widespread among the Serbs down here, an odd assessment of a conflict in which their militias wiped out the homes of generations of Muslims. The ancient bridge has been preserved intact, al-

though the Arabic quotations from the Koran carved on: to the centre have been

names of Serbs.

The construction remains as owerful and as frightening in Ivo Andric's ferocious epic Bridge over the Drina. When I walked across the old stone road, an off-duty soldier was courting his lady at the spot where Radovan, Andric's Serhian saboteur, was slowly in-paled and left to die by the Turks defaced with the spray-painted as an example of what would found a young Italian lieu-

happen to those who opposed

The Drina has had the same

mesmeric effect on the I-For troops, the Italian Bersaglieri with their black-feathered helmets who eat out at the only new building north of Visegrad for 100 miles, a Serb coffee shop with "Steak - Serb-

green, gold and brown leaves. West of Zvornik, the Muslims of Bosnia have spoiled the effect. At least a hundred have moved into the confrontation lines, back to the old Muslim vil-

lage of Jusice, armed in case the Serbs try to stop them, many of them - if the Serbs are to be believed - Bosnian soldiers anxious to push eastwards, village by village, in the hope that I-For will give way to them as easily as Unprofor once gave way to the Serbs.

tenant taking snapshots of the river, focusing on the mist covered hills to the south-

east, carefully moving his camera into the one angle that would exclude those unsightly,

haunted ruins amid the trees.

Back to Venice or Rome or

Naples, he would take his pic-

with restraint - even when I-For could retrieve from the Muslim "villagers" a mere 10 guns by way of a token of good behav-iour. Among the US and Italian

Serbian police have acted

shortion I-For has privately offered the Muslims of Jusice money to leave the village temporarily until, that is, they have filled in the appropriate forms for their return. In Zvornik, the International Police Task Force

Photographs: Robert F

members

h line off

American cop – is trying to assuage the local Serbs.
If only those pesky Muslims would stay behind the lines, it tures of a river and an unspoiled autumnal wood of seems, life would be a lot easier for the IPTF.

(IPTF) - led by an unsociable

But they may not. Foreigners have a habit of being disliked and then disobeyed in Bosnia, as a slightly drunken Serb refugee reminded me when I gave him a lift back to Glavicice from the funeral of his wife's uncle. "It's a had thing when a house is not looked after," he said "When the landlord's away, the world walks through your

Tomorrow Rober Fisk reports from Serb-controlled northern Bosnia, on a new, post-Dayton kind of ethnic cleansing and the despair and bitterness that it

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Apartheid trial acquittals give Malan hope

Johannesburg

The historic, seven-month trial of General Magnus Malan, former defence minister, and four other apartheid-era generals on murder and conspiracy charges appeared to be unravelling yesterday when six of their co-accused walked free from a Durban court.

There was wild clapping and jubilant shouts when the six men, supporters of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, were cleared of involvement in the 1987 KwaMakhutha massacre of 13 people in a village south of Durban. Victor Ntuli, an ANC activist, was the intended target of the attack. He was out when the gunmen came calling. Those who died were holding a

prayer meeting in his home. The case goes to the heart of the former South African government's cynical inflaming of the conflict between the IFP and the ANC through secret support

and training for Inkatha.

KwaZulu-Natal Attorney
General, Tim McNally, has tried to prove the massacre was the result of a South African Defence Force project to provide Inkatha with hitsquads and that General Malan was responsible for it.

But Judge Jan Hugo was

scathing of the state's case against the six. It now seems unlikely that General Malan and the generals, the most senior members of the former National Party government and armer forces to face criminal charges

will not also be released today Yesterday, Judge Hugo said the three witnesses - including Captain Johan Opperman, who claims to have led the unit responsibile for the massacre and turned state witness to avoid prosecution - upon which the prosecution rested were unreliable. He said the state failed to prove that the accused were

sponsibile for the murders. He also criticised Mr McNally for failing to call witnesses who might have supported the evidence of other state witnesses. IFP leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has haunted the case; his name has been mentioned countless times in evidence criticism that McNally's failure

to call him is political.

The collapse of the case will add to the frustration of those who believe neither the courts nor the Truth and Reconcilia tion Commission, charged with establishing the truth about the past and encouraging nations healing, is exposing or punis who ran the old regime.



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Nato expansion row: Potential members not ruled out despite objections from Russia and the US Baltic states given a little hope

The Nato Secretary-General, Javier Solana, yesterday as-jured Estônia, Latvia and ithuania that the alliance bad not ruled them out as potential members, despite vehement members, despite vehement Russian objections and doubts in some Western capitals over the wisdom of bringing them in.

"I want to say very clearly now that no country is ruled out and no country is ruled in. We are talking to everybody and we are talking to everybody and we will try to take a decision at the right moment, probably not before the middle of 1997," Mr

Solana said in the north Dan-

The Baltic states, amious

for Western security guarantees

ish port of Frederikshavn.

to consolidate their newly won independence, were dismayed last month when the US Defense Secretary, William Perry, said they were not ready to join Nato. He said a key condition was that each country could come to the defence of its allies if attacked, and they had not acquired that capability.

Although stating what most Nato governments regard as obvious, he thought it advisable to play down his

play down his remarks later in a letter to the Baltic defence ministries. The letter, released on Wednesday, said: "I under-score that I said, and I believe, that the Balts are fully eligible for Nato membership and I look forward to the day when each country is a member." issue arouses strong to join will be extended to sev-

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emotions in the Nordic com-tries, both in Denmark and tries. To balance this, Nato Norway, which are in Nato, and in neutral Finland and Sweden. Denmark's Defence ner of the West and removing Minister, Hans Hackkemp, said: suspicion about the alliance's in an interview this week. "The question of taking in new members is to me basically a moral tainty in Nato about Russia's

"If new democracies emerge in Central and Eastern Europe, I have a moral problem denying them the same securiby gnarantees that we Danes had in the Cold War. But this guarantee is not to be directed against another country, only against an aggressor." Nato is expected to hold a summit in the middle of next

ar at which formal invitations

hopes for an agreement with Russia making it a close part-ner of the West and removing

recise attitude to enlargement. On Monday, when Alexander Lebed, President Boris Yeltsin's security supremo, visited Nato's Brussels headquarters, he said Russia would not react hysterically to expansion. But he used fairly hysterical language yes-terday at a scientific conference in Russia. "Will Nato's eastward expansion ... towards the Baltic republics boost Russia's urity? Nobody can guarantee that it won't occur to some-

what was recently done to Iraq," he said

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The first phase of Nato enlargement is expected to include the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia, the aim being to make them full members by April 1999, the 50th anniversary of Nato's formation. Yet the US and other big

alliance members such as Germany are believed to have reservations about whether it should admit the Baltics. The prospect of extending the US ruclear umbrella over countries that border Russia and have disaffected ethnic Russian minorities is not one that appeals to many US policy-makers.

they should be offered closer ties with Nato through the al-liance's Partnership for Peace programme. The Danish delence ministry points out that Baltic troops already serve with Danish forces in Nato's peace-

keeping mission in Bosnia. For the Baltic states, however, all the Partnership for Peace projects in the world pale into insignificance compared with the prize of obtaining a rock-sol-id security guarantee from Nato. The presidents of the Baltic states pledged last month that their countries would make the sacrifices needed to upgrade their armed forces, bring them into line with Nato standards and improve their ability to defend themselves and others.

Danish officials say that if the

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Salang Pass, north of Kabul, and prepared defences south of the front line.

Travellers from Jahal-os-Siraj, at the entrance to the where forces of the ousted Rabbani government were the fighting was close to the town. The Taliban rejected calls by a UN special envoy for a ceasefire, saying they would not lay down their weapons until all Afghans disarmed. Reuter - Charikar

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verdict appeal Croatia's state prosecutor has appealed against the acquittal of two independent ournalists who had been charged with defaming President Franjo Tudjman, likening him to the late Spanish dictator, Francisco Franco. The Zagreb Municipal Court last month found Viktor Ivancic and Marinko Culic, editor and writer respectively of the satirical weekly Feral Tribune. not guilty, but the prosecutor has called for an annulment of the verdict, citing errors in the court's proceedings.

Fifty die in Zaire raids

Marauders swept through a Swedish missionary hospital in Zaire and killed nearly 40 people, most of them patients who were shot or stabbed as they lay in their sickbeds. mission officials said. Twelve other people were killed in an attack on a missionary station nearby. The attacks took place around Lemera, near the borders with Rwanda and Burundi and apparently was connected to the violence between the Tutsi and Hutu

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Taliban hard Foreign troops hit as soldiers key to Bosnia fight back

Alghanistan's purist Islamic Taliban militia appeared in deep trouble yesterday as it suffered further losses in the

pass through the Hindu Kush, hitting the Taliban hard, said

ethnic groups that plagues the region AP - Strockholm

reconstruction

International Bosnia peace co-ordinator Carl Bildt said foreign contingents of troops would have to remain in Bosnia in 1997 and 1998 for the country to stand any chance of recovering from the recent war. "The mission of this military presence would primarily be deterrent to provide reassurance ... thus providing the conditions necessary for political reconciliation, re-integration and reconstruction," he said in a speech, Reuter - London

Lebed's Nato broadside

The Russian security tsar, Alexander Lebed, fired a broadside against Nato's eastward expansion plans, a day after ending a visit to the alliance's headquarters which

won praise from its leaders. Itar-lass quoted him as telling a conference: "Will Nato's expansion ... boost Russia's security? Nobody can guarantee that it won't occur to someone ... to do to us what was recently done to Iraq." Mr Lebed, 46, was referring to US missile attacks on Iraqi targets last month. Reuter – Moscow

The Pope in 'great shape'

The Pope was in "really great shape" two days after surgery to remove his appendix, officials said, adding that the pontiff planned to celebrate a public Mass at the Vatican before the end of the month.

Python kills young owner

A young man preparing to feed a live chicken to his pet python was killed after the 13ft snake coiled around him. Grant Williams, 19, died in hospital an hour after being found in his Bronx apartment. AP - New York

ANC gets members in line on abortion

JULIETTE SAUNDERS

Cape Town — The ruling African National Congress (ANC) ordered its parliamentarians yesterday to vote in favour of changing South Africa's abortion laws from among the world's strictest to among the most liberal.

All opposition parties in par-liament have decided to allow their MPs to vote on the abortion Bill according to con-science and religious beliefs, but the majority ANC needs a party vote to guarantee adoption of the pro-choice legislation.

"We are calling on all ANC MPs to come to the vote, and the whips (in parliament) will be on their backs to check that not only that they are there, but that they vote positively," said Amold Stofile, ANC chief whip in the National Assembly.

The vote over abortion on demand is the toughest moral challenge yet for the ANC.
Its Christian and Muslim

members of parliament have privately voiced concern at the party's approach, and intimated they would find excuses to be absent on the day of the vote, scheduled for 29 October in the

National Assembly. It goes to the Senate on 5 November, and becomes law if both houses deliver a simple majority.

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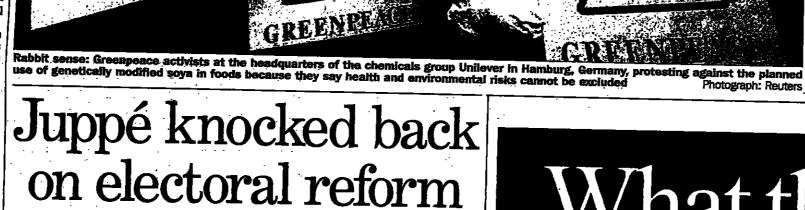
Addressing a news conference after an ANC caucus meeting in parliament, Mr Stofile said ANC leaders were aware of the concerns stemming from members who were religious, but hoped to reassure them through theological discussion.

Mr Stofile, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister, said no MPs had yet told the party that they had "a violent problem which is mitigating against this vote".

The ANC, which draws its support from both the political left and moderates in rural districts, pledged before its 1994 election as the majority partner in a government of national unity it would adopt a pro-choice stance on abortion.

The Health Minister, Nkosazana Zuma, the first black person to hold the post, has asked parliament to allow women to terminate their pregnancies up to 12 weeks in they choose, and for a further eight weeks allow abortion under strict conditions.

At present, only about 1,000 women a year qualify for legal abortions allowed under special circumstances like incest, rape or danger to the mother's life. However, nearly 50,000 women report to bospitals each year after botched illegal abortions.



MARY DEJEVSKY

Proposals by the French Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, for changing the voting system be-fore parliamentary elections next year have been rejected by the executive of his own Ganllist party, in what amounts to a ing personal and political defeat for the already be-

leaguered Prime Minister. The proposals, floated last month, included the reintroduction of an element of proportional representation in larger, mostly urban, con-

ing two main aims; to limit the likely damage to the Gaullist's representation in parliament and to give smaller parties the chance of winning a few - but not too many - seats. It was fiercely criticised from all sides.

Some saw it as a sop to the extreme right National Front; others as sanctioning a dual system in which urban votes would count more than rural votes. Yet others thought changing the system so soon before the elections smacked of manipolation.

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Failure of voting system changes add to woes of falling popularity

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Juppé: Popularity failing

On Wednesday night, the ex-ecutive of the Gaullist (RPR) party rejected the proposals unanimously, and agreed there should be no change in the firstpast-the post system before the 1997 elections. The decision clearly exposed Mr Juppe's difficulties in stamping his anthority on the party and added more uncertainty to his position as Prime Minister.

This was the latest in a series of setbacks for Mr Juppé with his party. Two weeks ago, at the annual get-together of Gaullist MPs at Le Havre, Mr Chirac had to intervene, via a senior party member, to persuade the rank and file to give Mr Juppé

their support.

And in his keynote speech, Mr Juppe had to appeal to MPs, almost pathetically, to support his government's reform programme "with heart and soul, not just for form's

Outside the party, Mr Juppe's position is no better and his popularity in opinion polls con-tinues to fall. The latest poll, nublished yesterday by l'Express magazine, showed his approval rating had fallen seven points since June and, at 34 per cent, was the lowest it had been

since he became Prime Minister 16 months ago. The worst news for Mr Juppé was that the greatest loss of confidence was among stalwarts of the right, where his popularity had dropped by 20 ints, from 66 per cent to 46 per cent in three months. Other polls show his popularity running below 30 per cent. Commentators blame this

performance more on Mr Juppe's image as the epitome of France's political élite - privileged and remote – that on the unpopularity of government austerity measures.

It is in an apparent attempt to tackle what is seen as a grow ing gap between this élite and the voters that Mr Juppé has sent out a questionnaire to leaders of all the main political groupings in parliament soliciting their views on what should be done to "modernise political life". The questions, which cover the desirability of PR, the tra-

dition of holding several elected posts concurrently, the poor representation of women (France has the second lowes number of female MPs in Europe after Greece), a possible upper age-limit for MPs, and the often dubions financing of political activities, offer a catlogue of much that is wrong with the French political system

The problem is that only those with a stake in the system are being circulated, and that Mr Juppé not only holds a luster of electoral mandates. but slashed the number of women in his Cabinet after only five months. With such a lead from the top, the results of the survey may only strengthen the voters' cynicism.



Polly Toynbee on the Bory party conference in Bournemouth.



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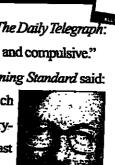
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Dame Diana Reader Harris

Diana Reader Harris was not only one of the great headmistresses of her generation, but a leading figure in the history of girls' education. Her success in this field led to an involvement in many other spheres.

Born in 1912 in Hong Kong, she went to Sherborne School for Girls in 1925. Even at the age of 12 she had clear ideas of right and wrong and a genuine concern for others. Those who were at school with her remember a lively girl who appeared innately good, but was never thought of as priggish. She had an innorm ability to persuade people to do things and to make a new idea seem fun.

It was certainly no surprise to anyone that she became Head of School and, in this capacity, she worked with the first two headmistresses, Miss Mulliner and Miss Stuart. She had a fine mind and was offered a place at Newnham College, Cambridge. However, her father decided it would not be appropriate for a girl to go to Cambridge unless she had won a scholarship. Nothing daunted, Diana decided that she would do an external London degree from home and obtained First Class honours in English.

She returned to Sherborne as an assistant mistress in 1934 and became a housemistress in 1938. During the Second World

War a number of parents were anxious for their daughters to go to Canada, and Reader Harris seemed the obvious person to take a party to Branksome Hall School, Toronto. She spoke with warmth and gratitude of the hospitality they received, but the success of the venture also owed much to her own

personality and leadership. When she returned to England in 1943 she started to work with the National Association of Girls' Clubs, which became the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs. Opportunities for girls, both in education and other areas, was a cause dear to her, and this stemmed not only from her own sadness at being unable to go to Cambridge, but also from her experience in youth work.

She was appointed to succeed Miss Stuart as Headmistress of Sherborne School for Girls in January 1950, and served the school, and the world of education, with real distinction until she retired in 1975. She was the first to say that she did not have a creative mind, but she had the ability to order and adapt ideas, to grasp the essentials and to know what would work.

She was a member of the Ministry of Labour's Women's Consultative Committee (1957-77),

(1952-70), Executive of the Association of Headmis-tresses (1953-58, and President 1964-66), and of the Schools' Council from 1966 until retiring in 1975. As President of the Association of Headmistresses she led their response when the Plowden Report was published. She was also Headmistress of Sherborne at the time of the Newson Commission, and not only gave evidence. She was a long-serving governor of several main-tained and independent schools.

Although an introvert by nature, she was in no way shy, and had the wonderful gift of mak-ing people feel she had waited all her life to meet them. She had a natural facility for names and a retentive memory which she used to effect. She knew ever child in the school and carried a store of information about each one. She could meet Old Girls. years after they left, and

remember much about them. Those who were pupils during her headship grew up in an atmosphere in which it was assumed that everyone had something of value to give, a better nature to be appealed to, and a duty to the community in which she lived.

For many, both inside and outside the school, Reader Harris's most memorable characteristic was her charm and that, Dorset Education Committee combined with real physical



Reader Harris: charm combined with real physical beauty

beauty, enabled her to persuade people to want to work with her, and for her. She loved entertaining; distinguished and interesting people from many fields were attracted to her and their visits to Sherborne enriched the lives of the staff and girls.

As a child she had developed an interest in community work and used to visit the Welcome Club in London during the holidays, persuading other girls to go with her, to discover at first hand the nature of the social service to which the school contributed. She encouraged generations of girls to involve

She worked tirelessly for causes close to her heart. Among them was the Royal Society of Arts, of which she was the first woman chairman (1979-81). She

was also a member of the Inde-

pendent Television Authority

(1956-60). She was appointed

DBE in 1972 for services to

education and the Church. A deeply committed Christ-ian, she was a member of the Archbishop's Council on Evangelism (1966-68) and of the Church Missionary Society from 1953 to 1982, serving as its President from 1969 to 1982. She was also on the Board (1976-83) and Chairman (1978-83) of Christian Aid. These last two commitments brought together her faith and her lifelong interest in the developing world.

In 1983 she moved with her widowed sister-in-law from London to live in the Close in Salisbury and quickly became involved in local affairs and the life of the cathedral. She was made a Lay Canon in 1987 and was for many years a patron of the Salisbury Festival.

June Taylor

Dame Diana Reader Harris inherited the role of President of the Church Missionary Society - the Church of England's largest international mission agency - at a time of great change, writes Diana K. Witts.

By the end of the 1960s, a great many "mission fields" had become self-governing and self-supporting churches in their own right, set within newly in-dependent nations. The CMS, founded in 1799, had been well aware that this day would come, and during the time of Dame Diana's presidency, the aims and structures of the society needed to be reformulated accordingly. In the process there was a need to re-examine relationships with other Anglican voluntary societies, and the wider church. Many of the traditional av-

enues for missionary enterprise were closing to the CMS, but there were new opportunities to create understanding between peoples of widely different cultures, to engage in a quest for a more just economic and social order, and to lend support

to these new churches. Dame Diana served a long apprenticeship as a member of the Society's Executive Committee. Her interest in the youth club movement brought her into contact with the newly developing Voluntary Service Overseas. This gave her a special "feel" for how the new relationship between the churches around the world should be expressed.

When she retired from Sherborne in 1975, it freed her to take an even more active role in the society. She began to visit regional associations of the suregional associations of the str-ciety, rallies, and deanery meet-ings. Increasingly she became the society's public voice. She was a key player in helping formulate the Church of England's Partnership for World Mission, creating for the first time a link between voluntary agencies and the General Synod. At her urging the society took up advocacy of the Brandt Report on relations between nations of the "North" and "South".

She made an outstanding contribution to the society's work through overseas travel. In

1970, for instance, she repre sented the CMS at the maleuration of the Church of North India, a union of a number of Christian denominations later, with great energy ind courage, she visited the Chuch of Uganda during its time ourial under the dictator Idi Alin which had culminated in he martyrdom of Archbisbp Janani Luwum. She was a geat

source of encouragement. Perhaps more than her pedecessors Diana Reader Hans became a "People's Preside!". A former General Secreta. now Bishop of Cwentry, & Right Rev Simon Barringlo-Ward, said her chairing world be remembered for her "ufailing courtesy, clear, unhurril sense of direction and purpo.

and sharp eye for detail."
Dame Diana's sympathet understanding and encourage ment, and her constant afti mation of all those whose liv she touched, sprang from deeply rooted Christian faith. her life she steadfastly used h remarkable gifts to strengthe and enrich the lives of others

Muriel Diana Reader Harri schoolmistress: born Hong Kon 11 October 1912: Headmistres Sherborne School for Girls 1956 75; President, Church Mission ary Society 1969-72; DBE 1972 died Salisbury 7 October 1996;



Harrowing: Downes's famous image from the Vietnam war of Kim Phuc naked and burning from American papalm, 1972

atheist, but sought to be a silent

witness making no comments

ries he was told. One result of

his quiet empathy was that peo-

tense sympathy for the isolated

colliery villages of the North-

Alan Downes

Alan Downes, a founder member of Independent Television News and for 32 years one of its most distinguished cameramen, will always be famous for one of the most harrowing images to come out of Vietnam or any other war: the picture of a naked Vietnamese girl, Kim Phuc, screaming in pain, on fire from napalm dropped by an American aircraft.

Downes was a lively, enexgetic perfectionist who joined ITN as a boy of 16 and learned the business from the ground up: library, editing, camera repairs, and a thorough ground-, ing in the art of cinematography

though he learnt to use a camera while doing National Service.

He was already an experienced practitioner when we set out in 1968 to cover a crucial period in the Vietnam way, the let offensive. The Viet Cong had launched a series of attacks all across the country which shook American morale to the core. culminating in a daring assault on the American embassy in Saigon which nearly succeeded

recordist Tom Phillips and I arrived late but caught up with an exciting report of a battle between government troops and the Viet Cong beside the racetrack. In Hue, the old imperial capital, we filmed the Americans retaking the city street by street, ending up out of power and almost out of film as a carticad of dead GIs was wheeled down the street; Downes hand-cranked the last few feet of film.

We finished that assignment by over-flying Khe Sanh, the sieged American outpost intended to control Viet Cong infiltration in the north, filming a C130 dropping fuel, ammu-nition and food to the belea-guered garrison. Downes stood precariously in the sail of the C130 as the supplies thundered out and floated down by parachute.

Two years later, just after Black September in Sordan, Downes again proved his ath-leticism by scrambling up on top of a radio truck to film King Hussein being carried shoulder high by enthusiast Bedu soldiers over a PLO-Syrian army inva-Alan Downes, his sound sion in the north. It was the first ish intervention was imminent Herifordshire 9 October 1996.



time the king had visited his troops since the dramatic battles on the Syrian border and in Amman and the Bedu went wild. We managed to get the film out by plane in time for the next night's News at Ten, which year's Cameraman of the Year

award. Another big story Downes covered with his usual unflappable good sense was the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Nicholson got word that a Turk-

and drove from Nicosia in the early hours of the morning just in time to see the Turkish air force materialising out of the dawn, and the paratroopers dropping unopposed on the empty plane. Downes caught it all as sharp as cut glass and perfectly framed as if he'd been filming in the studio. When he was not risking his

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life on dangerous assignments abroad for ITN (amongst others in El Salvador, Angola. Afghanistan, Eritrea and shooting footage of the Iran-Iraq war), or closer to home, as one of the two cameramen who worked on In Private In Public ITN's 1984 documentary the Prince and Princess of Wales, Alan Downes kept in shape astride a racing bicycle covering many miles to work and back every day. But he was it led - and the footage later helped Downes to win that as to eschew a good bottle of not so dedicated a litness fanatic wine.

Alan Charles Downes, cameraman: born Enfield, Middlesex 6 September 1938; married 1961 daughter); died Letchworth,

Tony Parker

Thanks to the tape-recorder the post-war decades have witnessed a boom in oral history, gathering the experiences of people whose voices seldom and no interpolations in the sto-

reach the written record. Most of us are not neutral observers and arrange the evi- ple talked to him and his dence to support a point of view. In America Studs Terkel assembled several vast collections of humble people's opinions, and has never left us in any doubt as to where his sympathies lie. It is intriguing to learn that his English equivalent. Tony Parker, had, shortly before service and was sent to work in his death, completed a book a coal-mine, developing an inquite different from his 22 earlier ones, since it was about Terkel, as seen by his colleagues, friends and family in Chicago.

recorder with immense openness and trust, and plenty of them became friends for years after they met. He was born in 1923 in Stockport, the son of a bookseller. In the 1940s he was a conscientious objector to military

It will appear in February. Tony Parker had equally Red Hill: a mining community

Births. marriages **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

EL NIGOUML: Siddig Abdel Rahman.
Formerly of Farnham, Surrey, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 8 October 1996. Father to Nadia. Zainab, Digna, and Amirah, grandfather to Saskia and Celic. Funeral service to be held at the Islamic Mosque, Regent's Park at Jum followid he. Regent's Park at Jum followid he. pent's Park, at ipm followed by in-ternment at Walthamstow Islamic Cemetery at 2.30pm on Saturday 12 October. Friends and colleagues very welcome

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East. Forty years later this early background served him well when he compiled his book

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missioning the book by Tony Parker and Robert Allerton The Courage of His Convictions

(1986) about the experience of the 1984-85 miners' strike.

vocation came almost by

chance. After the war he had a

job with Odhams Press, pub-

lishers of the Daily Herald, and

in the evenings became a prison

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A chance meeting with a BBC

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The Unknown Citizen (1963),

His discovery of his unique

Anniversaries Births: James Barry, historical painter, 1741; Sir George Williams, merchant and founder of the YMCA, 1821; Christian Friedrich Theodore Thomas, conductor, 1835; Henry John Heinz, food-products magnate, 1844; François Mauriae, author. 1885; Ethel Edith Mannin, novelist and travel writer, 1900; Richard Burton (Jenkins), actor, 1925. Deaths: Sir Thomas Wyait, poet and diplomat, 1542; Samuel Wesley, composer and organist, 1837; Josef Anton Bruckner, composer, 1896; Jean-Henri Fabre, entomologist, 1915; Steele Rudd (Arthur Hoey Davis), novelist, 1935; Maurice de Vlaminck, painter, 1958; Leonard "Chico" Marx, comedian, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, novelist and play-wright, 1963. On this day: the Order of the Bath was constituted, 1399; the title "Defender of the Faith" was conferred on Henry VIII by Pope Leo X, 1521; Peter the Great became Tsar of Russia, 1669; the Anglo-Boer War started, 1899; the Little Theatre, Adelphi, Strand, opened, 1910; enormous inflation overtook German

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umenical Council was opened by Pope John XXIII, 1963; the Apollo

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Five Women (1965) and The

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vided powerful material for

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taries, and led to two further

books, for one of which he

lived in Grendon Underwood

Prison for three months pa-

tiently gathering 200 hours of

taped conversations. In all these

books he carefully kept his own

opinions out of the story, while

being ever-willing to express them in the alternative press, from Anarchy to Peace News.

By this time, Parker had de-

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Parker: self-effacing

Inner Temple

(1968), to unmarried mothers with In No Man's Land (1972). Lighthouse (1975) was the result of six months of recording the recollections of lighthouse keepers from all over Britain. Recognition of his devotion

and integrity brought increasing demands for his approach to particular communities like the residents of a London council estate, Catholic and Protestant households in Belfast, and even the Army. Who but a lifelong anti-militarist could be trusted to report faithfully on the experiences of soldiers and their wives?

By this time, Marjorie Parker, his wife of 43 years, was accompanying him in his travels and laborious transcriptions. In Russia, the rooms were carefully arranged. He was sitting slightly below the level of the people he was questioning with an interpreter behind his shoulder. At the beginning of the interviews people's gaze would be fixed on the interpreter, but before long they were addressing Parker, eye to eye.

publisher should invite him for lunch and ask him to spend three months talking to people somewhere in the middle of the United States. It turned out to be A Place Called Bird (1989), a town of 2,000 inhabitants at the crossing of two state highways in Kansas, surrounded by a sea of endless prairie under a vast blue sky. The Parkers listened and recorded everyone as they talked about their hopes and fears and hidden assumptions, from the incomer, groping for the word "circum-scribed" to describe the place, to the 16-year-old high-school student who blamed herself for thinking that "sometimes

in Bird you feel you can't breathe" In the same year Study Terkel

was gathering material for his book The Great Divide, re-It was inevitable that his counting people's second thoughts on the American dream. It will be fascinating to read the self-effacing Parker's examination of the approach of the committed and ebullient Terkel. His own triumphs were the result of his gentleness and modesty, which led the most taciturn or suspicious of people to open up with confidences they would not dream of revealing to more self-assertive questioners.

Colin Ward

Tony Parker, writer and interviewer: born Stockport, Cheshire 25 June 1923; married twice (two sons, one daughter); died Westleton, Suffolk 3 October 1996.

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If the press is muzzled, it can only blame itself country where official secrecy remains excessive. We must remember that there are a large number of people who is seems ununlikely that self-remains can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will be will buy, salivate and tut-tut at the same time, there seems too muzzle can be will b

and regarded their independence quite rightly - as one of the essentials of democracy. Journalists were reasonably well regarded. The hard left despised the "bourgeois press", and elevated people sniffed at the chirpiness and ferocious patriotism of the cheaper papers. But, by and large, the British were mildly proud of the Fourth Estate, with its grimy Fleet Street glamour, sternly schooled reporters and strange, flashy owners. It came below Parliament, the Palace and the police as a great British institution. But it was one. Long ago, that affair went wrong.

Many papers, once Rupert Murdoch arrived, became not so much free as freely scurrilous. Innuendo and smirking was replaced by full-frontal expo-sure. In the tabloids, politics, public issues, foreign affairs and the arts were all pushed aside by sex, sex and (for variety) sex. Sport remained important, and so did blaring, propagandistic politics when it was time once again for a vote. But, essentially, the reporting of public affairs was slowly abandoned for a lip-licking obsession with pubic affairs.
This affected everything. Where once
the Establishment could conduct bedhop without a word ever appearing, we

vision many years ago to be press-ganged to serve in the National Trillation. Minor royals, people of no significance, are pursued by grown-up men and women who must feel a little embarrassed. Politicians are known as often by their amours as their ideas. The power of publicity has led some papers

to behave like jeering bullies.
What does the public think? People seem to have a painfully ambiguous attitude to newspapers, buying them still in huge numbers but also, often enough, despising them. In surveys of which professions are the most and the least respected, journalists are down in the gutter alongside their prey, the politi-cians, as the lowest of the low. It is as if tabloid papers, in spirit as well as in size, are mirroring the worst in their readers, who stare back in repelled fascination.

That is the proper background against which to consider Lord Wakeham's latest warning to newspaper editors. Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, a self-regulatory body, was outraged by untrue stories about a prince. He was also referring, it seems, to the faked "Princess Diana in sex romps" video. Though it turned out be posed by actors (and actresses, of course) it was the readiness of The Sun to use what it believed was genuine, are now in an age when almost anyone snatched peeping-Tom material that remotely newsworthy is regarded as fair worried him. Lord Wakeham, and every-



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one else, has long passed the stage of naïveté when newspaper defences along the lines of "breach of security - who's

to blame?" will wash. Lord Wakeham's argument is, in essence, simple. The PCC can only investigate complaints. Often, when someone's privacy is invaded or they are harassed, they do not complain, for fear of producing more publicity and hurt, perhaps to children or relatives. But, he said, "it might lead some newspapers to believe that, simply because one of those involved in a story fails to complain, they have carte blanche to invade their privacy without any defence of

public interest." This would be wrong, and could lead to statutory controls. But the PCC's warning to the press may already be too late. Senior Labour Party people are privately committed to a new privacy law, and the mood is hard-ening among Conservatives too. The politicians will not move before the general election because they want the edi-

ing the privacy of their targets. What should we make of that? British newspapers are already subject to the sternest of libel laws. They operate in a

tors' support. But once the campaign is

over, the betting must be that there will

be a new drive to stop journalists invad-

either wallow in publicity and manipulate it - and who therefore must take the consequences if things go wrong - or who actively like to be in the papers, selling their story. Finally, of course, we do not want a cowed press, fearful of investigating legitimate targets.

But virtuous probing is likelier to involve following financial and admiristrative trails than trails of discarded clothing. The Guardian's pursuit of Neil Hamilton, after a tip-off from Mohamed al-Fayed, was a recent example of the sort of journalism that is so valuable and important it must be protected from new legislation. So what are the key questions for any MP wanting to rein in attack journalism aimed at soft targets for public titillation? There are two. Can you frame legislation that toughens up the law on intrusion where the story is about sex (except where hypocrisy is involved) while leaving stories about money or dishonesty alone? And can you ensure a public interest defence strong enough to stop your proposed law protecting rich people from legitimate investigation?

We would prefer self-regulation. Who wouldn't? At The Independent, we have made mistakes of judgement, but we try to adhere to the spirit of the code reproduced on today's front page. In a fiercely competitive market, though, where peoit seems unlikely that self-regulation will survive. There will be a ferocious campaign against new laws by our colleagues and competitors. But if such laws are imposed upon us, the blame will rest squarely on the Street of Shame.

A taste for the colour purple

Now he's off to Dior To make clothes we'll adore, John Galliano had better be bold. For if he's to succeed He must gain a great lead Among women who are now growing

The answer is clear From a lovely old dear Whose poem we've voted the best. Jenny Joseph's advice Which should make him think twice Is to give haute conture a rest.

Drop those neat pencil skirts Bring in "terrible shirts" And forget all those beautiful people. We want red hats that clash And shoes bright and brash But most of all, John, we want purple.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Michael Heath's Britain: A day of culture

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Crazy quota system fails farmers

Sir: In response to Tim Edwards (letter, 9 October), proper reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is essential before things can improve.

Initial indications on the reform the milk regime show that little is ely to change in this crazy system of quotas and fixed prices, and there is real lack of political will within the EU Council of Ministers (of which the British government is

a member) to change the system.

It is typical of the CAP that after 30 years in operation – with a current budget of over £40bn annually – farmers such as Mr Edwards are still writing letters like this. I am truly in sympathy with him, but I scriously doubt whether, BSE compensation aside, there is any quick-fix solution.

A mismanaged system has evolved which is neither in the interests of the consumer, the taxpayer, nor even the farmers it was designed to protect. TERRY WYNN MEP (Mersesside East and Wigan, Lab) Chair, European Parliament Land Use and Food Policy Intergroup Brussels

Sir: How come, of the 25p per litre we provide to farmers for producing milk, nearly balf (12p) is pent simply obtaining a piece of saper – the quota – which in itself produces nothing? Why should we be providing a substantial income (12p times 700,000 litres or £84,000) to the lucky owners of the quota that Tim Edwards leases? I strongly suspect that these owners would not normally qualify for social security or means-tested

assistance.
No doubt some limited compensation might be justified for getting rid of this artificial right to collect rent or tribute, but we should be seeking to correct this nonsense as soon as possible. DAVID HARVEY Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear

Sir: Dairy farmer Tim Edwards appeals to readers for help. I suggest he looks first at the world dairy market and second at his own

The price Tim is being paid for his milk (about 24p per litre) is considerably greater than that paid circumstances. to US farmers (19p/l) or New Zealand (13p/l). Tim's high price is sustained through the quota ystem. He complains about its effect on his business, yet if quotas were removed the fall in the price of milk would put very many dairy farmers (and quite possibly their bankers) under great pressure.

Heavy horrowings in farming are commonplace. Banks, finance companies, agricultural advisers and the farming media need farmers to borrow and expand. Tim should look at US farms, where capital is less easily available. They wouldn't dream of spending the money farmers do in this country.

If he owns only 37,000 litres of milk quota and leases 650,000, Tim's on a hiding to nothing. He needs to talk with his landlord, get out of milk - which will release the capital tied up in his cows - equip himself with some cheap machinery and crop the farm.

The best speaker at this year's Oxford Farming Conference said be would love to farm corn and ws like his established neighbours, but he was not born with a silver spoon and didn't have the resources. So he developed an asparagus business, which he could develop using the land and capital he had. Tim should think on the same lines. MIKE DONOVAN Editor, Practical Farm Ideas

Whitland, Carmarthenshire Sir: I can help Tim Edwards, who like many other dairy farmers is suffering from the Government's unscientific and therefore futile, destructive and even immoral BSE

calling policy.

He and his farming colleagues must persuade the Ministry of Agriculture (Maff) to collaborate with Dr Narang of Newcastle, the only person to have devised a simple urine test to reveal the outwardly healthy animals which are incubating BSE. His test works on sheep with scrapie and it was positive in eight out of eight humans who subsequently died of proved CID. He has been offering to help Maff with tests for BSE since 1988. But our chief vet and his staff have persistently refused his

Indentifying the infected animals would enable the slaughter to be restricted to them and BSE would vanish. Farmers would then stop committing suicide, our economy would be saved the billions of pounds it is set to lose and the BSE saga would be history. DIHCGRANT London NW3

Great day

Sir. Do you think the insatiable appetite for "Days" ("That was the week, that was", 8 October) would be satiated by a National "Mind" Your Own Bleeding Business" Day? CHARLES BOWYER Sevenoaks, Kent

Palestinians shun Nazi gold

Sir: The best and only use that can be properly made of the money stolen by the Nazis from the Jews would be to return it to its rightful owners. This may be almost impossible after fifty years of nameful deception by the authorities, but let us not ompound these misdemeanours by adding insult to the injury already inflicted on the Jews.

As for compensating the Palestinians for Jewish settlements in Palestine, let it not be forgotten that it was in the aftermath of the Holocaust that more than half a million Jews were expelled from Arab countries and rendered homeles At least the Israeli authorities have due legal process and one can hope that ultimately the Palestinians will come to an accommodation with their halfbrothers, all of us being the sons of Abraham. Thank you very much, Professor Davis (letter. 8 October) but the Palestinians would not touch a single coin of that tainted Nazi gold, which is not ours either by right or by

default. It is time the Europeans acted with honour towards the victims of their colonial adventures, ceased this squalid argument over filthy lucre, and stopped patronising the people of the Middle East, whether Arabs or Jews. Perhaps that will only be possible when the Europeans

themselves have come to terms with their crime of depriving the world of something infinitely more valuable than gold: the millions of human beings who were so cruelly extinguished from their midst. Who will ever be able to compensate Europe for this self-inflicted loss? Dr FTRAZ AL AHMAR

Medical schools under threat

Sir: Your article "Medical schools hit by drain of doctors to NHS" (3 October) appositely points out the crisis facing our medical schools in relation to senior appointments in clinical academic departments. I believe it is wrong to suggest that this is mainly due to inadequate

remuneration. Senior clinical academics, particularly those appointed to chairs, are still appointed on a salary scale identical to that of NHS consultants and by and large parity is retained following appointment. There is major concern that this parity is under

The number of professorial posts has increased without a concomitant increase in training of junior academics. Clinical chairs have been created in new departments and in institutions where they did not previously exist. This move has largely been driven by the need to boost research ratings, but has occurred in the face

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of decreased availability of

research funds. Because of the latter, senior academic posts are less attractive and less secure. Clinical lecturer posts in medical schools have all but disappeared in favour of more senior appointments. Adoption of the new Calman training grades for doctors is shortening clinical training, and diminishing the opportunity to develop research and teaching interests. The career path to an NHS consultant post is better defined and more easy to follow than that to a senior academic post.

The current need is not only to secure pay and conditions for medical academics, but also to implement suitable training schemes which allow junior doctors to develop research and teaching skills. The close relationship between academic and clinical medicine has traditionally been one of the great strengths of our

system. Without an urgent investment in junior academic posts this cross-fertilisation, and the future of our medical schools, is under threat. Professor R LEE KENNEDY Durham

Hubbard and Howard

Sir: I read with interest Ian Burrell's account of the rehabilitation initiative based on The Way to Happiness, L Ron Hubbard's commonsense guide to

fact, amber of the same age was described from the Isle of Wight three years ago. However, these are not the oldest. Nuggets of even older fossilised tree resins have been found in the Triassic rocks of Arizona and also in the Appalachians, USA, at least 220 and 300 million years old

respectively.
Dr CHRIS NICHOLAS Dr MARK RUDNICKI Department of Earth Sciences

better living. I fully endorse all that Nico van den Berg is quoted as saying, but I am not "lobbying

Secretary. As far as I can tell he

preferring instead to curry favour

with the faithful at the Tory party conference by promising to build more prisons, particularly for

Every member of the House of

Lords receives a Writ of Summon

from the Queen to assist her in defending the realm against

"imminent perils". We are faced

with increasing levels of crime and

progressive social decay, which many people do feel is a threat to the stability of the nation. If any

member of the House of Lords

would be failing to comply with

fails to promote it, he or she

Ancient amber

Cretaceous (125 million years old)

October) is by no means unique. In

Sir: The discovery of early

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Lord McNAIR

House of Lords London SW1

knows of an effective remedy yet

Michael Howard", the Home

rehabilitation of criminals,

has no interest in the

young offenders.

It isn't Latin the British lack

Sir: "Latin is a dead language, and we have enough trouble persuading children to speak English" (leading article, 8 October). Quite right, but should not British people be looking beyond the White Cliffs of Dover and realise that "out there" the vast majority of people do not have English as their mother

tongue?
For hundreds of millions of people, English is, admittedly, a ingua franca to facilitate international communication. But other languages exist, and I have a shrewd suspicion that the vast majority of British business people, journalists and even diplomats are quite incapable of having a sophisticated conversation in any foreign language, living or dead. Would it not be courteous for Britons occasionally to learn a foreign language or two properly?

Why not teach seven-year-olds the rudiments of a living language, such as German or French, if we are so mad keen on giving them insights into declensions, conjugations and other grammatical unpleasantnesses? We do, after all, belong to the European Union, not the Roman Empire ERIC DICKENS Blaricum, Netherlands

When we burst upon the world

Sir: May I offer you the heartiest congratulations for 10 years of the best newspaper coverage possible? Ten years ago this week I took my then girlfriend, Susan, on holiday to Majorca to propose marriage. Like most Brits abroad, I still seek news from home. I therefore sought out the nearest newspaper vendor and was surprised to see The Independent. At home, fate had conspired to

hide me from the pre-launch media

barrage.
I therefore assumed that The Independent was printed for the Spanish/Balearic expatriate community. After a week of reading I was a convert and enthused wildly on my return, advising friends to try The Independent next time they were in

lt was not until a week or so later that I spotted the paper on sale in the local newsagent and the penny dropped. All the very best for the next 10 years. MILES W BAIGENT

Conkering Korea

Sir: Miles Kington is not, as claimed (8 October), a helpless victim of evolution, so much as a hapless victim of nostalgia, unbelievably lacking in the entrepreneurial vision needed to put the gee back into Great Britain. Maybe they play the game yet in Wiltshire, but in London, where I work, the kids rush home to the Internet while worlds of conkers leafmeal lie. Thus I, last Tuesday, crossing the park to join some Korean friends for dinner, came across an unplundered carpet of the things and gathered them up and stuffed my pockets. To my delight and a little to my hosts' amazement - the three children of the house learnt the game in no time and soon had a tournament going like the young Asian tigers they are.

My first crateload is already on its way to Seoul. DAVID WALLACE Hove, East Sussex

You can see it. in their eyes. They've got the fever. Behind the united roar from the hall, the Tories are bound for a split. **Polly Toynbee** seeks out the faithful to see if there is any salvation for a party gone mad



Schism, here we come!

It is like watching lemmings running for the Bournemouth he Prime Minister will make a brilliant speech today. Oh yes. In the hall they will cheer and stamp high cliff. They know where they are going and what they are doing but they can't stop them-selves because it's all the other and stand up for a very long time. A party united, oh yes, yes! side's fault, never theirs. It's the He will get a very good press, for the press and broadcasters other lot that started it. Who is to blame? They can all quote chapter and verse on who fall for it every year, swept away by the shifting hysteria in the briefed or leaked first. In myrfrenetic conference atmosphere. First they predict divisive trouble on the conference floor, (as

if!) and then they celebrate doors. Whatever happens in the well behaved "unity" coneach "surprise" traimphal platform speech - Rifkind, Portillo ference hall, everywhere else the and Clarke all got the treatfever of schism is rife, a ment. Didn't they do well? But you only need to know Gadarene stampede towards one thing; underneath all that, Euro-phobia. the Conservative Party has gone No, not all of them are mad. mad. You can see it in their eyes, all the symptoms of the deadly have seen it all before, been they all want to win, if only the there before, done it myself, first other side would shut up. The in the old Labour Party, then in aged heavily outnumber the will win for us." the SDP. For once schism takes rest, giving an impression of a hold of a party, it gallops

who lack the discipline, selfcontrol, respect or tolerance of their own young day.
I walked around the tables in

the conference coffee lounge and talked to any representatives willing to speak to the press. Some hate the media too much to talk - a sure sign iad overlapping fringe meetings on Europe, halk are packed to overflowing. Police had to be called to Bill Cash's to close the graph?" hissed one. among political activists that

Among a group in their early 30s was Mark Hughes, prospec-tive candidate for Redditch, Mid Worcestershire, taking over from junior minister Eric Forth, who has fled a 4,000 majority on a chicken run to safer Bromley. But the sensible representatives are mainly very old and not all So how does Hughes think they can win now? "Europe is the instantly. I didn't raise the dread subject; he did. "Europe is what

It will not be the economic pensioners' conference, but the boom, law and order, health, education or taxation, none of these bread-and-butter issues of everyday life. No, it is Europe, functional families they so love he says. Goldsmith's £20m to castigate, like a bunch of campaign will make it the key

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lose the election we shall become a Euro-sceptic party within weeks. Our MPs in the next parliament will be far more Euro-sceptic. Why wait until we lose? Let's do it now and win!" The others, an agent from Runnymede and two women representatives from Cambridge, all agreed.

At a nearby table were some sensibles. Katherine Banks of SW Devon, an older pragmatist of Majorite persuasion, sighs about the Euro-row but gamely believes, "they will all come to their senses. It is a very good thing to have a debate." Her companion, Mike Halsall, a businessman from Southport, workers and they should win the election in this economic climate. "But", he adds, "splits make for unpopularity.

Two couples in their sixties, who did not wish to be identified, raised Europe before I. even sat down. "Our only hope now", said one, "is the Europe card. Now I'm not anti-Europe, don't get me wrong." The others joined in here warmly: no. no they are not anti-Europe, they go there for holidays - like people who say some of their best friends are Jews. "But if we said NO now to the single currency, NO to federalism, stand up for Britain, that would be the vinning ticket!"

Quening up for coffee, an elderly councillor, Dennis Bir-beck of Sutton Coldfield, was wringing his hands. "People don't want to know about Europe out there on the doorstep. Us not-so-well-

grandparents dumped with election issue," he gloats, with informed folk don't understand leader, new party and very dan-badly behaved grandchildren relish for the fight. "When we what it's all about. My voters gerous indeed. The thought of never mention it, never!

The cine to their mood is the dogs that do not bark. Like superannuated old Dobermans, the party can hardly croak out a feeble ruff-ruff at the postman any longer. They have lost their taste for their favourite old bones: even the law and order debate hardly wagged their tails. Nor did social security. Lilley and Howard were as listless as their audience, with only a couple of dry dog biscuits to throw no blood-curdling howls for toe-nail extraction, chain-gangs or a return to the workhouse. Their hearts are not in it. the only show in town, spin as the doctors do.

ne evening I wandered by mistake into a marquee to find a rowdy gathering of the National Association of Conservative Graduates. These are the slightly ageing bad boys and delinquents of the old abolished Conservative student federation. Mostly men, with a smattering of giggly Felicitys, among those stamping their feet to a Portillo rabble-rouser, I found a huddle of prospective candidates talking of the glorious future. Selected for nohope seats in Jarrow, Easington, Wigan, Islwyn and Rother Valley, frankly, they didn't give a damn about winning this elec-

this lot trailing around the council estates of the North-east or Wales would be comical if it

weren't so disgusting.

Europe is the only thing on their minds. "The time of the Euro-sceptics has come!" declares Easington. "Europe," says Jarrow, "is the issue I was selected on." Do they talk of nothing else on the Jarrow doorsteps? "Well, my Tory vot-ers do." Islwyn chips in, "We're the Thatcher generation, working our way up the party. There's no stopping us now. We ARE the party." Rother Valley talks of his "cottage meetings" where Europe is raised. "There's no doubt," says Easbusinessman from Southport, Except, of course, when says: "I wish they'd shut up, both sides." His order books are Europe into their perorations. "There's no doubt," says Easington, "that the overwhelming into their perorations."

The next night they gathered in black tie for the Young Con-servatives' ball. "Young people everywhere back us!" they claimed. So among the Easingtons, Jarrows, Islwyns, Wigans and Rother Valleys and their plentiful ilk there was much dancing and champagne to be had at the conference. There was also the Conference Ball in Aid of the Marginal Seats - a needy cause indeed. As one observer remarked wryly of the deadlocked Congress of Vienna, "Le congrès ne marche

pas, mais il danse." in the glory days the Tories' great talent was for beating in rhythm with the popular pulse. Labour was the party of isms while the Tories talked tabloid about mugging, porn, morals, old folk, scroungers, families and money in the pocket. For most people Europe is still just tion. The future belongs to them. Their sights are all set on Next Time, in better seats - new a big ism. It is what proportional

Dems: when asked, people may agree it matters - but tion it. It is abstract and the divisions between factions far too

I sought out some Tory voters. In "The Encounter" coffee shop inside Beales, Bournemouth's department store, shoppers were taking their afternoon tea. I spoke to 10 groups of people, nearly all Tories, some now wavering, and I asked them what they thought the most important issues were. Health, education, tax, pensions, long-term care, sleaze all kinds of issues emerged but no one mentioned Europe spontaneously.

Penelope Bull, a dental receptionist, was having tea with her husband Geoff. He works for the Ministry of Defence. "I've always voted Conservative," she said. "But I'm definitely wavering. They are too much for the rich and not for the middle like us. I think wealthy people should pay more tax. I'd pay more for education. The rich get richer, the poor poorer. I could never have voted for Kinnock, but I could vote for

Shirley Bickham, in her fifties, is an estate manager for an industrial park full of small businesses, a life-long Conservative. "They've done nothing for small business, especially late paying of bills and business rates. They are more for the fat cats." She won't vote Labour, though, because her step-son was at university with Tony Blair and does not speak well of him. Her older friend complained about VAT on fuel and the price of residential homes.

Eliza Castle of Edinburgh was having tea with Alice Williams - they were Wrens together in the war in Ceylon. Alice lives in Salisbury Cathedral Close, two doors down from Ted Heath. Both vote Conservative, but they are not very happy. Mrs Castle we is Labour might win. Why. Sleaze, breaking the rules, that tells with the floating voter.

Mind you, it would serve the voters right - they've forgotten what Labour is like!"

The Reverend Ralph Stanley Marshall and his wife Audrey were on holiday from their Sheffield evangelical church. Tory voters who tear Labour will win. Why? "They aren't talking about grass-roots things, like nurses and hospitals. They are the fat cats' party, too much cor-ruption and too little integrity. Who can you trust?" Then he grumbles about leshians and homosexuals, quoting Romans 1 on "that which is unseemly"

But no one mentioned Europe. No one. However, if the Euro-sceptics want to draw any comfort, once I mentioned it, they were almost all gut anti-Europeans. Some said, "I want out, absolutely, which is, of course, what the sceptics are saying, in easy-to-read code. No one

was for a single currency. {|
The question is, if the Eure sceptics had their wicked way and the party marched to their tune, could they transform Europe from a politicians' obsession into the number one issue in The Encounter coffee shop? I still think not. For even if a Union Jack election might play well with voters, the Tories cannot do it without a split, losing Clarke, Heseltine and others - and schism kills.

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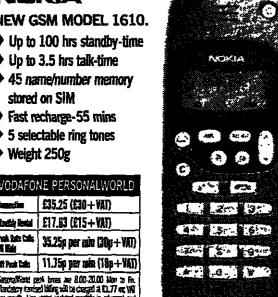
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Scapegoated wolf bites salty Welsh leper



Miles Kington

sometimes receive protesting letters about thoughtless use of English and I only wish I had time to answer them all myself. Alas, this is not so, but rather than let them go unseen and unanswered, I think it makes more sense to use them to fill up a column. Thanks, everyone!

From the Leprosy Society Sir, May we urge you to desist from using the phrase "moral leper", to designate someone who is outside the social pale? This ancient phrase dates from a time when leprosy was thought to am not saying that all lepers are the salt of the earth, but people who suffer from leprosy are no more moral or mmoral than anyone else. Why should the leper be the scapegoat? It is about time that society chose a term for the moral outcast which carried less offence, "Lone wolf" or simply

incurable. Science has moved

on, and so should language. I

"undesirable", perhaps? yours etc From the Better Blood

Sir, it saddens us yet again to see the expression "salt of the earth" being used so freely (see previous letter). The expression dates from a time when sait was scarce, and indeed valued for its preserving qualities, and therefore salt was felt to be a "good thing", as of course it is in the correct small qualities. Alas, it is now eaten in reckless qualities (even

young children are encouraged to wolf it down) and we know that it does us terrible harm, so it gives quite the wrong impression to use the expression "salt of the... earth". A person who is really

the salt of the earth is probably very bad for us!

From the Goat Society Sir, I think the man from the Leprosy Society was ill-advised to use the expression scapegoat. There may have been a time when poor innocent goats were left tied up in the desert for a rapacious welf to savage, so as to take away the sins of society, but those days are long past. Could the goat please stop playing the image of the hapless victim? And also, come to that, could the goat PLEASE stop being a byword for lust? If I had a penny for every time I have heard someone described as a "randy old goat". I'd be rich. I'd be moderately well off on descriptions of Lloyd George alone!

From The Lycanthropy Club Sir, I can hardly believe my eyes. Do you realise that every letter you have printed so far manages to traduce the image of the wolf? The "lone wolf", I read. "Wolfing it down". The "rapacious wolf" . and so on and so on.

When will people ever

yours etc

a loner and NOT a greedy eater? The wolf does not attack humans. The wolf is no threat to us, so why do we always wish to keep it from the door? You would think in an enlightened age that the wolf would get a better press. but far from it. Every time there is a documentary about wolves on Channel 4 or a well informed piece in the National Geographic magazine, I feel, rather like Canute, that the waves of ignorance are about to recede. Like King Canute, I am doomed to disappointment. This dreadful ignorance is shared

by the highest and lowest. from Cabinet minister to street Arab. I enclose a copy of our pamphlet: "Know Your Wolf", but without much hope.

From the Arab-British Friendship Society Sir, Has the Zionist lobby got to you again? I am appalled to read in a letter you have published recently, in fact directly above mine, that you permit the use of the phrase "street Arab" in your column.

rapacious, NOT savage, NOT illiterate urchin be an Arab?

Would you refer to him as a "street Israeli"? Or as a "street Jew"? Or even as a "street

I think not. Let us have no more of this atrocious racism.

From Professor Walter Regius Sir, I am appalled to see a repetition of the old canard that King Canute thought he could order the waves back. The whole point of the story was that he knew he couldn't. He was chiding his courtiers for exaggerating his power. For heaven's sake let us get one historical fact straight in these benighted times!

From Mr Goronuv Davies Sir. I have been waiting avidiv for you to use the word "welsh" in a derogatory sense, as in "to welsh on someone", so that I could write in and protest. You haven't, but I am going to write in and protest anyway. because we Welsh are very scasitive about Continued some other time,

Good Europeans can say 'No' to a single currency

ne of the really dreadful, depressing things about the present argument about European Monetary Union is that, in Britain at least, you are not allowed to be both pro-Europe and anti-EMU. Listen to the debate at the two party conferences: fringe meet-ings slagging Europe off, visiting Euro-commissioners warning us of dire consequences of turning our back on Europe. For once I even found myself in sympa-thy with Kenneth Clarke, who pointed out a week ago that we could not even talk about EMU sensibly, the debate had become so politicised.

What makes it even more depressing is reading through the newspapers at the time of terling's entry into the exchange rate mechanism. As part of the grand retrospective exercise this newspaper has been conducting to celebrate its 10th birthday, I found myself looking not just at the way we, as a paper, welcomed that event, but at the way it was presented to the Tory conference that immediately followed, as a financial and political triumph.

But of course we now can see (even Europhiles can see) it was a catastrophe, for it led to two enormous errors of economic policy. First, before ERM entry, the pound shadowed the German mark; this meant that interest rates could not be raised to choke off inflation, as to do so would have pushed sterling too high. Then, after entry (probably at too high a rate) interest rates had to be held too high to keep sterling in line. The trouble was, we did not say so. People who were pro-Europe, who

wanted Europe to be successful as a cultural and economic entity, felt inhibited from criticising ERM entry for fear of letting down the Euro-

In side.

Exactly that is happening now. The rational "good European" case against EMU is simply not being made. Sensible politicians of left and right who are pro-European but who privately have grave doubts about EMU are silent for fear of having their words twisted and used

In fact, there is indeed a powerful case against EMU that good Europeans here in Britain should be making. It comes in two parts. The first is why much of Continental Furning is making a mistake to press ahead: the second is that as Europe is making a mistake, it is in Europe's over-riding self-interest (as well as Britain's) that at least one sizeable chunk of the European Union should stay out of it.

Some of the arguments against EMU have been identified ever since the idea was first mooted: that the region encompasses too diverse a set of economies to have a single monetary policy, that if there is a single monctary policy there will have to be very large fiscal transfers, or transfers of labour, between countries; that having a single monetary authority beyond all democratic control is not acceptable politically; that denying a country the right to change its exchange rate was to take away a crucial element of nationhood.

But the past few weeks have shown a new aft of practical objections. The various European countries have scrambled to produce budgets that nominally bring their deficits below 3 per cent in 1997. We do not know what the economic and political consequences of a savage, simultaneous fiscal squeeze will be, but we can see an extraordinary degree of fiscal manipulation - devices that would be unacceptable in the private sector - taking place. For example,



Hamish. McRae

Britain's staying out of monetary union could offer a welcome insurance policy for its partners were their risky experiment

to fail

to qualify, the French govern-ment transferred the pension fund of its telecommunications workers into the state's finances. The Italian and Spanish budgets seem even less credible.

It has always seemed odd to me that the public sector should be much less scrupulous about finance than the private sector: and the UK is not blameless by any means. Still, the degree of dishonesty here is really pretty dreadful, yet — in the name of the greater good of the single currency – it is accepted.

This scramble to meet a 1997 target leads to a further practical objection. Suppose a country does qualify in 1997, what then? The idea of sanctions, fines on countries that run excessive deficits, has now been sort of agreed. But in practical politics this is cloudcuckoo land. Is it really credi-ble that we (or Italy, or Spain, or France) would actually pay over billions in fines to Brussels because of a shortfall in tax rev ennes, or some unexpected spending? Virtually all the bud-gets of both the last Labour government and the present Tory one would be illegal. Fines may be imposed, but they are

not going to be paid.
But EMU may happen. It that Britain will join in the single currency in the first round, but it is certainly conceivable that a core of EU nations will go ahead. What should good Europeans do then? Europeans do then?

The arguments are all over the place. Some point to pre-sumed economic advantage and argue that if EMU does go ahead we should join as soon as

possible, if only to buttress our exports. The fact that over the past 20 years we have increased the proportion of visible exports to the EU from a little over 40 per cent to about 56 per cent is cited as a success of European integration. But turn that argument on its head. We have decreased the proportion of exports to other regions -North and South America, East Asia, India from 60 per cent to 44 per cent. Is that really wise, given the faster growth performance of those markets? Visible trade only brings in half our export earnings, with investment and service income accounting for the rest. 85 per cent of our investment income is from outside the EU.

But those are "bad European" arguments tor staving out of LMU. The 2000 Europe one goes like this. If Europe does go ahead, it is taking a gigantic, breathtaking risk. It is coming close to betting nearly 50 years of successful economic and political co-operation on one throw of the dice. If a single currency is adopted and large parts of the EU are thrown into deep depression by inappropriate monetary policies, the whole concept of the union is in jeopardy. If the vast majority of EU members are in the single currency, collapse of the currency would probably signal the end of EU. It would be seen historically as a failed experiment, an effort to force the diverse nations of

Europe into a form into which they did not fit. If on the other hand, several large European nations - in particular, Britain - were not part of the currency union, but still members of the EU, then the collapse of the single currency would not be so catastrophic. The EU might survive, with the "ins" simply re-establishing the franc and the mark alongside the pound. So Britain staying out is not a petulant, foot-

dragging exercise. It is an insurance policy against failure, and one that good Europeans on both sides of the Channel should respect and acknowledge.

Time we reclaimed what is rightfully ours

Our breasts belong to us, not

to babies, partners or doctors,

o this is National Breast Awareness Week. Looking Week. Looking around me I wonder if it is possible to be more aware of breasts than we already are. Breasts are everywhere on billboards, on the front of magazines, inside news-

I am more than aware of Pamela Anderson's breasts. Helena Christiansen's follow me around. You can see Demi Moore's breasts flying towards you as she rips off her shirts at a cinema near you. Eva Herzigova's have become enti-

ties in their own right. Caprice Bourret, the nev Wonderbra woman, has had hers on show recently. For this is also National Wonderbra Week and, for every bra sold, cancer research charity Breakthrough. All this breast-baring is in a good cause, then. This newspaper has even had its own Breast Awareness supplement, with its guide to the risks.

symptoms and treat-

ment of breast cancer.

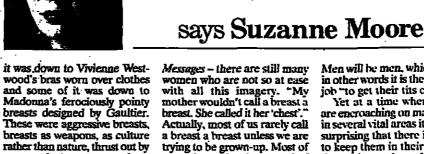
Yet we are terribly muddled about breasts. Perhaps we always have been. The breast, as Freud once said, is the place where hunger and desire meet. Yet the source of our anxiety at the moment is that we know that breasts link those two taboos - sex and death - in a way that makes us more than uncomfortable. Breasts may able to go have their fun sides but they also have their downsides, cancer being one of them. Trying to merge these two languages is very difficult. The Cancer Research Campaign does it with an ad that reads: "Do more for your breasts than any

bra can. Examine them." Women's reluctance to examine their own breasts stems from the feeling that somehow their breasts do not belong to them, that they have little right to this part of their bodies, that they are somehow separate from them. Increasingly this appears not as a pecucleavages on view in every street are implicitly connected with a medical discourse that also claims some sort of

One can see the Wonderbra years as a source for celebration and I am as fond of them as the next man. Fashion writers tell us beguilingly that breasts were becoming more apparent in the Eighties but they really made a comeback in the early Nineties. (Where had they been before, one might ask?)
Some of this was down to

eased breast.

Italian dress designers. Some of



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Caprice Bourret? Now she is on

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our choice. The tabloid choice is "booh", which of course also means a mistake. The Page 3 girl, a relic from the days when breasts were not freely available, struggles on forever caught in her back-to-front

us settle on the slang word of

Men will be men, which means in other words it is the women's job "to get their tits out". Yet at a time when women are encroaching on male power in several vital areas it is hardly

surprising that there is a move to keep them in their properly decorative and passive place. Hence the boom in lap dancing alongside the familiar, but sad, topless beauty" on the card behind the pub peanuts.

If women can do the things that men do, their exposed breasts serve to remind us con-

humorously in jokes and putdowns, in movies like Russ Meyer's Chesty Morgan and her Deadh Reapons, in which our heroine suffocates men with her breasts, in our obsession with freaks such as Pandora Peaks, whose massive breasts appear more painful than

Pain, however, is something that women keep to them-selves. We breastfeed our habies in toilets, for God's sake. While it seems to matter little whether Pamela Anderson's breasts are real or not, breast implants have been found to be dangerous. The carcinogenic effects of silicone in rats are well documented. It has been claimed that implants can continuously leak silicone into the body yet the demand for breast implants grows.

We live in a country that has one of the highest rates of mortality for breast cancer in the world. Some ductors have said than one is likely to receive better treatment in Bomray than we do in

tion is vital, but the practice and language of the medical establishment leave a lot to be desired. Mammograms, neeinserted without anacsthetic, diagrams drawn on breasts that are to be removed all of this feels punitive. Many cancer patients report that they feel that the doctors owned their breasts and that they are

Britain, Early detec-

silly to mourn Both the titillation of popular imagery and the depersonalised jargon of fuel the same fallacy that somepart of our anatomies. If Nat-

ional Breast Awareness Week is to achieve anything it is the simple message that our breasts belong to us, not our babies, not our partners, not our doctors. They are part of us, not all of us, they give us pleasure as well as giving others pleasure. The task is to put breasts back into our own hands literally, as well as metaphorically, if we want to save lives.



swimsuit in some Seventies television presenting awards clad time-warp. in a Versace net curtain, breasts Whereas once upon a time Page 3 guaranteed a path to a

lamorous" world full of boxers, B-list pop stars and opening supermarkets, it now looks more and more like a dead-end job. Those who have got it become supermodels, those who haven't just flaunt it more mundanely than ever before. As Page 3 girl Ruth

Gordan says in that seminal work, Storm in a D-Cup, "some of the girls become prima donnas. They get a bit starry-eyed and think they're superstars overnight - when all you're really doing is standing there with your reasts exposed."

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different from

men. A nice pair of secondary

sexual characteristics is still the

way to measure a woman's

worth. Women, it appears, can

enjoy this, too, if they are the

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Germans give us a lesson in Eng Lit

Potsdam has its problems. It was a small garrison town until 1744, when Frederick the Great adopted it as his country seat. Here he built Sanssouci ("without cares"), a holiday home in flamboyant high baroque read camp - style. In April 1945 the town cen-

tre was hombed in a spectacule ly heavy raid; thereafter the division of Germany placed it in the East. Perhaps not surprisingly the Commu-nist regime felt uneasy with the city's imperial associations and attempts to build a "new, socialist Potsdam" were hardly aesthetically successful.

With moves towards reunification starting in 1989, West Berlin rediscovered its connections with Potsdam, and an enormous amount of western each is visibly pumping into the city - so far with rather mixed results. In the beautiful "Dutch quarter", where red-brick gabled houses were built for the construction workers from Holland, there is an awkward mixture of derelict squats, enterprising arty shops and exquisitely restored town houses. Capitalism recolonisg the East - with problematic

So you might think that Germans there would have better things to think about than contemporary women writers in



Sarah Maitland

A writer's conference in Potsdam reveals an extraordinary familiarity with contemporary British feminist fiction

Britain. You would be wrong. I idiomatic English, which even have just returned from a con-attempted regional accents? I have just returned from a con-ference – held, I should add, entirely in English - entitled "Engendering Realism and Postmodernism: Contemporary Women Writers in Britain", organised by the University of Potsdam, with papers con-tributed from 17 different universities from both sides of the old East/West divide and from Britain. Unlike most such conferences, they had also invited eight of the women novelists themselves, and organised pub-lic readings in Berlin.

This is unusual and bold literary conferences are usually rigorously divided: either academic or writerly. To be innovative in a foreign language is itself impressive. The young German intellectuals there are going to be leading Europeans in the next generation - bilingual, cross-culturally informed and creative. Distinctively

I had a wonderful time. It was ego-enhancing and interesting. But underlying the plea-Sure was an increasing sense of shame: Britain is so insular, so provincial - so unfit, candidly, to be a European country.

Of course, the papers were given by university teachers and graduate students from English departments; you would expect them to talk Eng-

bave rung a couple of friends from modern European language departments in British universities and none was able to contemplate a conference here, held in German, on contemporary German authors, let alone well-attended public readings in which all questions from the floor came in

Now why would nearly 100 German academics, mostly but not exclusively women, want to hear from, and lecture on, British feminist writers, when clearly their British equivalents have no parallel interest? One reason seems to be that the German literary curriculum is so fixed around a "grand canon" that it is difficult to study German women writers. Shifting to English (or Ameri-can) studies offers a chance to study more contemporary women's books.

In casual conversations, I also learnt that these Germans are asking questions about themselves. German ideas of nationality have meant that while large numbers of "Germans" have "come home" from eastern Europe, it is proving terribly hard to accommo-date the larger Turkish popu-lation. The fact that four (Eva ld expect them to talk Eng-Figes, Ravinder Randhawa, but fluent, witty, Debjani Chatterjee and Suniti

Namioshi) of the eight invited British writers (the others were Maureen Duffy, Zöe Fairbairns, Gillian Hanscombe, and me) did not have English as their mother tongue cannot have been coincidental. Ethnicity is, as ever, an important social issue for Germans. Feminism is another reason:

German women, since reunification, are looking for a shared from the East do not feel they have done as well as they might out of reunification - they have lost as much as they have

"In the East," said an Easterner to me, "we had social feminism - nurseries, workplace rights, equal pay. In the West, they had better organis! Better orgasms without nursery places feels pretty useless." Meanwhile, the West has pur-sued an ideal of self-fulfilment as a self-evident good. These concerns may help explain why a surprisingly large number of napers were about connections between writers, on sources on a history of modern feminist

ideas refracted through novels. These are all good reasons for German interest in contemporary British writing, but I believe that the main source of their concern is a self-confident and straightforward curiosity. There is nothing to lose, they were saying - in con- a lot to learn.

and potentially a lot to gain by knowing more writers, more women, more stories. It was not British experience, in particular, that they sought to learn about, so much as that which is human, and different.

To my shame, if I am honest, I could not even name eight contemporary German women writers. But in German bookbookshops; British books - not world bestsellers, not bonk-busters, just middle-run literary novels - were readily available in paperback, both in translation and in the original. I did not encounter a shop assistant or taxi driver who did not know at least the basic civilities of

English, and show a willingness

to have a go at communication. I have always been a pro-European, on abstract, antinationalist grounds. Now I want to be in a Europe with these people (along, I have no doubt, with just as many self-righteous, prejudiced idiots, bigots and bores as we have here). We need to invest, on our side, in these sorts of exchanges. Everyone needs more friends, new friends. It's good for you.

Potsdam was fun. I certainly don't want ignorance and fear masquerading as superiority and xenophobia to be seen as "distinctively British". We have

BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2098 Reed-Elseveir and VNU consider Blenheim deal

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

VNU, the Dutch publishing group, has held informal talks with Reed-Elsevier over the future of Blenheim, the exhibitions company at the centre of a looming takeover battle.

VNU, which built up a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim on Tues day, during a dawn raid pitched at 500p, is understood to have

situation with executives from Elsevier, the Dutch arm of the Anglo-Dutch conglomerate.

Reed. which had hoped to Reed. W situation with executives from clinch its own, agreed bid at 480p this week, is believed to be widely discounted yesterday,

willing to discuss ways of pro-viding VNU with some of Blenheim's assets in return for the Dutch company's support for a slightly sweetened offer for Blenheim from Reed. Such an offer would require the support discussed various options aimed of Blenheim directors, who at resolving the complicated control 40 per cent of the

although the shares rose 25p to close at 482.5p, a three-year high, partly on the expectation that VNU would be back in the market next week to take its stake to as high as 29.9 per cent. Another option would be to strike a deal that would leave VNU as a long-term share-

shares. Reed-Elsevier declined to comment yesterday.

According to market sources in Holland, VNU's decision to take the 15 per cent share-holding can only be fully understood against the backdrop of intense competition between VNU and Elsevier, two leading Dutch publishing concerns.

"VNU bought itself into any outcome in the Blenheim saga,"

The two companies both own a stable of consumer and special interest magazines and are engaged in electronic publishing. Elsevier has generally performed better than VNU, according to Dutch analysis, and relations between the two are thought to be acrimonious, But their shared interest in Blenheim is believed to have been strong enough to lead to

Blenheim continued to have

no comment on the bid situation yesterday. But it is understood that VNU contacted Blenheim's management on Tuesday, after the dawn raid, but that the two sides did not meet, Meanwhile, United News & Media, which made an approach for Blenheim this summer, pitched at about 450p. remained on the sidelines, aithough it is believed UNM has not yet ruled out making a bid

develops. If emerged last night that UNM has had no contact whatsoever with Blenheim since July, when Lord Hollick. UNM's chief executive, suspended the discussions. It is believed that UNM will make no further move until the intentions of VNU and Reed have

become clear. Blenheim continued to hint last night that at least one other bidder was in the wings. However, the market has

if a competitive situation discounted the prospect of serious US interest in the exhibitions company, despite talk of a potential bid from Zig Davis, the exhibitions company owned by Softbank.

City analysts said that a final resolution to the complicated Blenheim bid situation would likely involve an offer from one of the parties for at least 500p. That compares with the 330p at which the stock was trading when UNM first emerged as a potential bidder.

Hambro Magan in £70m bonanza from NatWest bid

JILL TREANOR Banking Correspondent

Forty of the City's top corporate financiers are set to share in a £70m bonanza after NatWest Markets yesterday snapped up the investment banking bou-

tique Hambro Magan.

The two remaining cofounders of the business -George Magan and the Amerian said: "There is a significant can financier Alton Irby III - are element of golden handcuffs." thought to be receiving at least £20m from the deal Hambro Magan's 38 other employees, in-cluding Sir Michael Richardson, a leading light at the company, are

reckoned to be getting "golden handcuff" payments of £1m each. Neither Martin Owen, chief

executive of NatWest Markets, or Mr Magan, chairman of Hambro Magan would reveal the terms of the deal. But City insiders said that Mr Magan would not sell off his stake in the company he formed in 1988. the company he formed in 1988 for less than £10m. Mr Mag-

Together with the individual payments to Hambro Magan's staff this would imply a total value for the deal of around £70m

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ilar terms to Nat West's acquisition last year of Gleacher in the US for which it paid \$135m.

The deal came as a shock in the City where Hambro Magan has built a reputation as a skilled deal-maker precisely because of its independence, size and nimble approach.

Last year Hambro Magan was ranked 15th in the UK mergers and acquisitions league table advising on deals valued at £4.45bn. Among the biggest deals it has handled in the eight years sine it was set up are Ford's£1.6bn takeover of Jaguar, Deutsche Bank's £950m acquisition of Morgan Grenfell, Rhone Poulenc's hostile bid for Fisons and the £2.9bn MAI-United News and Media merg

The deal is part of NatWest's push into the corporate finanace arena and quashes speculation that the bank would snap up Rothschild to help boost its image after the Blue Arrow affair. Mr Owen said the merged op-

eration, which will be run out of a new, as yet undecided, loca-



Beneficiaries: George Magan (left) and Sir Michael Richardson, are both winners after 'golden handcuffs' deal

forefront of the highly compet-itive corporate finance world.

The combined transactions of NatWest, Hambro Magan and Gleacher NatWest reaches \$50 bn(£32bn) for the first nine months of the year, placing the entire operation at number 11 in the world league tables of deals.

Mr Magan, 50, will take a new role at Nat West Markets, be-

tion in the City, will propell coming chairman of UK and NatWest Markets up to the continential European corporate advisory business with a package that locks him on long-term. "He is pretty firmly lashed to the tiller," Mr Owen said.

Mr Magan said: "It's more akin to a significant team moving [than a merger], like Deustche Morgan Grenfell taking a team out of ING Barings"

Warning issued on Internet banking

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

The Bank of England yesterday warned depositors to be careful about using an Antiguan bank which has been promoting itself over the Internet, using the name of an English

European Union Bank was chaired until last month by Lord Mancroft, an Old Etonian former heroin addict who campaigns for fox hunting and drug law reform.

He was called in yesterday by the Bank of England to explain the Antiguan bank's operations. A Bank of England spokesman said: "We raised our

concerns with him." The Bank of England's public expression of concern about Internet banking is a result of fears that the new means of communication will put large numbers of banking transactions beyond the reach of supervisors and make it easier

to launder money. The Internet allows deposit takers to solicit business anywhere in the world over an information network with no national boundaries.

The Bank said it was not illegal for a foreign bank to advertise in the UK over the Internet. However, EUB appears to have broken the advertising rules which require disclosure of the paid up share

capital of a bank.
EUB's Internet pages give
only its authorised capital of \$10m (£6.4m) and says it plans to announce a public offering of \$115m of shares this month.

The Bank of England has no powers to take action against EUB for rule infringements since it is based in Antigua and the Internet is an international and not a UK advertising medi-

The Bank said it was not aware of EUB advertising in any other way in the UK and no depositor had come forward to complain. Any deposits would not be made over the Internet but by conventional money transfer.

A Bank spokesman said: We would advise any Internet depositor to carry out appropriate due diligence in the bank and to establish what, if any, deposit insurance is available." EUB is not covered by UK deposit insurance.

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Shell, BASF and Hoechst, three

of Europe's biggest chemical

groups, yesterday took a further step towards restructuring the

overcrowded European chemi-

cal industry with the announce-

ment of two new joint ventures. Shell and BASF of Germany

said they would pool their Eu-

ropean polyethylene business-

es and bring in the polyethylene operations outside the US of Montell, a separate joint ven-

ture between Shell and Monte-

dison. The new grouping is expected to command about 12

per cent of the European mar-

ket for polyethylene, putting it

among the top three producers, alongside Dow of the US and

Borealis, another European

Meanwhile, BASF announced

it had signed an agreement with its German rivals Hoechst to

merge their polypropylene in-terests in a joint company. Ana-

lysts expect this to command a 23

per cent market share in Europe,

ust behind the leaders, Montell

ter Shell announced it was in

talks with Texaco about merg-

The news comes just days af-

joint venture producer.

Chemical firms

set up more

joint ventures

Lord Mancroft is the derney chairman of the British Field Sports Society, chairman of two drug rehabilitation organisations and is involved in a Scratch 'n' Win care business. He said: "I hade the morning and we had an attendely friendly discussion. I have no problem

discussion. I have no problem

with what they are saying."
He said it was "racist and irresponsible" to suggest the bank might be involved with money laundering. The idea was "fantastically improbable. If you go to the accounts it is clear at a glance that there's no question that EUB is money

laundering."

According to EUB's Internet web site, the bank offers "excellent interest rates, offered in a stable, tax-free environment ... with utmost privacy, confidentiality and security

It also says: "European Union Bank, operating fully within the law, offers tax protection to clients who seek wisely to protect their assets by using favourable Caribbeth shelter programmes." It said that customers would be able to take advantage of EUB services via the Internet.

DM2.1bn (£876m) for BASF, or

just over 4 per cent of last year's group total, and DM800m for Hoechst. Shell did not dis-

The moves are part of a gen-

eral move in the chemical in-

dustry to restructure in the face

of savage swings in prices over the last few years and what ob-servers believe will be looning

over-capacity problems in the years ahead. Tony Cox of Klein-

wort Benson Securities said

companies were trying to posi-tion themselves and "de-frag-

ment" ahead of a downturn in

prices which could come in 1998. In theory, this type of market consolidation should

reinforce prices when the mar-

ket is strong now and help put [the companies] in a stronger position to cope with the blood-

bath that could come in the year

In recent years, Shell and Montedison have established Montell, while Statoil of Nor-

way and the Finish oil group

Neste set up the Borealis plas-

tics operation. Yesterday's Shell-BASF deal, which will give each side a 50 per cent

stake in the new entity, will sub-

sume the existing Rheinische

Olefinwerke joint venture at

Wesseling in Germany between

2000," Mr Cox said.

close the turnover involved.

Lloyd's issues first writs against names

JOHN MITTCOCK

Rupert Galliers-Pratt, the colourful Old Etonian financier. Tony Gooda, of the Gooda Walker syndicates, and Robin Kingsley, of the Lime Street Agency, are among 150 names lodged yesterday by the Lloyd's of London insurance market.

Lloyd's is seeking to recover more than £500m in unpaid debts from around 1,800 names who have refused to accept Lloyd's £3.2bn compensation deal for losses incurred by the market in recent years. Writs against another 50 or so

names will be lodged in the High Court today. Lloyd's plans to take immediate legal action against 20 of the first 200 targets, but has refused to say who these will be. More than 32,000 names

have signed up for the settle-ment package and, in return, agreed to end legal action against Lloyd's and its agents. A Lloyd's spokesman yester-day said he did not know what criteria Lloyd's had used to select the 200 names who are named in the first writs.

The amount of money owed to Lloyd's by the 1,800 non-acceptors would have been reduced to around £100m, had they accepted the settlement deal, the spokesman said

A list of the first 150, in possession of the Independent, con-owed by the refuseniks.

tains many names well known in the market.

One subject of a writ, Sally Noel, is a leading light of the United Names Organisation, a new pressure group formed by so-called "refuseniks", those names who have rejected the that are the subject of writs Lloyd's reconstruction pack-

> Probably most well known is Mr Galliers-Pratt, a flamboyant financier and Old Etonian who has been associated with a number of failed business. Mr Gooda led the Gooda

Walker syndicates which made the biggest losses in the recent years when Lloyd's fortunes plummeted. The UK courts made a £500m award against the Gooda Walker syndicates on behalf of those involved in the market.

Mr Kingsley was a member of the Lime Street Agency, a

members' agent.
Lloyd's of London has embarked on this tough line of legal action after years of agonising negotiations in order to refinance itself and avoid financial disaster. Brought low by huge asbestos claims and a se-ries of natural disasters, Lloyd's also suffered from bad management. Now the management is optimistic that the market's future has been assured by the restructuring, but is determined to press on to re-coup the £500m it claims it is



Liberty International, run by Donald Gordon (right), is joining Hermes, the big fund manager, in a new strategic ince that is claimed will shake up the UK pensions industry. The BT pension fund, which owns Hermes, is

give a kick start to a new pension fund gement company set up by Liberty to specialise in money purchase schemes. Hermes, whose chief executive is Alastair Ross-Goobey (left), will

be manager for index tracking funds, and other specialist managers will be recruited. Meanwhile, Liberty is to launch new direct sales personal pension business in the UK next year.

Sacked Barings manager claims bonuses

bosses is taking ING Barings to an industrial tribunal next week claiming £500,000 in unpaid bonuses after being sacked over the affair.

Mary Walz, one of 21 senior Barings executives dismissed following the scandal, will appear before the tribunal in east London claiming that the bank was in breach of contract for failing to pay the bonus. ING, which rescued Barings

One of Nick Leeson's former £830m, paid out £90m in staff bonuses but none of those sacked over the affair received a penny. Ms Walz, an American who joined Barings from Bankers Trust in 1992, is claim-ing the £500,000 bonus for work she did in 1994 before the bank's collapse.

Ms Walz was head of equity financial products in London and, as such, one of Leeson's failing to pay the bonus.

ING, which rescued Barings after it crashed with losses of vision of his activities. INTEREST RATES

In the Bank of England re-port into the Barings affair she was criticised for not checking closely enough on Leeson's

The industrial tribunal has the power under the Wages Act to order an employer to pay the full amount claimed. Barings maintained she had no entitlement to the bonus.

The decision of Barings to pay bonuses - some of which derived from income generated other former executives are challenging similar findings

gapore - prompted widespread criticism, but the bank said it would have provoked a staff exodus had the bonuses not been

A number of other Barings executives sacked as a result of the scandal are challenging find-ings against them. The Securi-ties and Futures Authority found five Barings executives guilty of

failure to show due skill, care and diligence earlier this year. Four challenging similar findings.

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talks with lexaco about merging their US refining and marketing businesses. No values were being put on the latest deals, which will involve sales of

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NatWest pays for corporate finance credibility

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It was only six years ago that Lord Alexander, chairman of Nat West, was reading the last rites to his investment banking operation, then known as County Nat West. With the Blue Arrow scandal still hanging like an albatross around County Nat West's neck, his message to staff was they had just two years to get their act together, or face closure.

This was hardly a statement guaranteed to enthuse either employees or clients, but it was also ill judged for another reason. Today Nat West Markets is not just another successful part of the main clearing bank, it is also a vital part of its operations. Admittedly, this is a business transformed by the injection of the main bank's treasury and foreign exchange functions, but even so it would be hard to imagine a modern clearer without a large presence in capital markets and investment banking. Had County actually been allowed to go to the dogs, NatWest would have been in trouble.

For all its success, NatWest Markets still lacks credibility in big league corporate finance. Hence yesterday's purchase of Hambro Magan, and its 40 top-drawer corporate finance specialists. NatWest is buymg less a company than a team. All of them, as Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Markets, so delicately puts it, are being "lashed to the tiller" with every financial incentive and lock-in clause known to man. Whether they are going to enjoy them-

ing point. It has also positively encouraged the development of star corporate financiers. The emphasis is still very much on the "special" client relationship, an approach which is now distinctly unfashionable among larger investment banks. As the old guard at SG Warburg is only too painfully aware, all that disappears, once absorbed into one of the

noths. All the same, they could be right to make the transfer. The age of the small free-wheeling boutique operation is all too likely to die with the Conservative Government. If George Magan, head of Hambro Magan, is right about this, we are moving into an era when to survive in corporate finance, you need cross-border capability and a strong

capital markets presence.

As for NatWest Markets, this acquisition makes a useful addition to Gleacher, the not dissimilar corporate finance boutique it bought out in the United States last year, and offers a real chance to match BZW with across-the-board expertise and services. It may be second best to plan A, the attempt to snatch SG Warburg from under Swiss Bank Corporation's nose, but it is certainly a far less traumatic approach to the ambition of becoming one of the world's biggest investment banks. Merging Warburg's with Nat West Markets might ultimately have creselves quite so much as part of a large clearer ated a more robust and credible world is a different question. Hambro Magan has player, but boy, would there have been bad

thrived and prospered as an independent | blood along the way, given the degree of | Spanish government 10-year stock maturing boutique; indeed this has been its main sell- overlap and consequent job losses. As it is, in April 2006 dipped below the yield on Trea-NatWest is being forced to adopt the piecemeal approach. We'll presumably never know how much Hambro Magan is costing, since no one is saying. But you can bet your boots it did not come cheap.

Inflation could cause problems for Clarke

enneth Clarke deserved some applause management of the economy, but whether he really merited a full four minutes of standing ovation is rather more questionable. Two pieces of news yesterday signalled problems on the horizon.

September's inflation figures showed that the UK does not meet the often-overlooked Maastricht Treaty criterion for inflation. To quality for the single currency, inflation needs to be within 1.5 percentage points of the average of the EU's three lowest infla-tion rates. The average for Sweden, Finland and Luxembourg is 0.5 per cent. On any measure, British inflation is too high by comparison. It remains above the EU average, an average which is raised by wayward Greek inflation.

This explains yesterday's second noteworthy event. Spanish government credit is now as good as British government credit, sury 7.5 per cent 2006, maturing in December that year. It took a late rally in gilts to bring the UK stock just back to level pegging by the close of business.

Adjusting for accumulated interest, the UK and Spain both now yield 160 basis points (1.6 per cent) more than the equiva-lent German stock, which yields 6 per cent. Portuguese debt rates alongside Spain. Irish government debt yields only 68 basic points more than German "bunds", while France, by dint of immense efforts to massage the government deficit, now offers 8 basis points less than Germany. Only Italy, of the countries likely to qualify for early entry to the single currency, still has to offer investors

higher yields than the UK.
This is only the verdict of markets and markets are not always right. But most of the time, they are. Michael Portillo's forefathers should, perhaps, have stayed in Spain.

Oldest hand is still setting new trends

Donald Gordon is just about the oldest band around in the life insurance and pensions industry. As head of Liberty International, he boasts that after 40 years at the top he is the longest-serving chairman of anything, anywhere in the world.

earliest employers and then his partner in 1962 when they founded Abbey Life, now part of Lloyds Bank. They set off a revolution in the way life assurance is marketed, not always for the better if you look at the slick sales tactics the newcomers pioneered, and others copied. But when Mr Gordon says he is on to something, others in the

industry take it seriously. His new joint venture with Hermes, manager of the BT and Post Office pension funds, plans to exploit two new trends. The first is the move to money purchase pension schemes, which is accelerating rapidly as companies find the old final salary schemes too expensive. Hermes Liberty International Pensions will seek new business with a handsome dowry to start with, in the form of £1.5bn of funds under management transferred to it by the BT pension fund, which owns Hermes

The BT fund will also take a 10 per cent stake in the new company. Other hig-name fund managers will be brought in, and this new flexible structure - a fund manager that farms out fund management - could prove an attractively low cost operator.

The other trend Mr Gordon has identified is the direct marketing of personal pension schemes, which Liberty is to knunch in the UK next year from a base in Peterborough. Mr Gordon wants to do for pensions what Peter Wood of Direct Line did for motor insurance. Let's hope the quality of the products matches up to the marketing techniques.

Inflation figures disappoint experts

An increase in the target measure of inflation last mouth has reduced Kenneth Clarke's room for manoeuvre on inter-

est rates ahead of the election. Although the Chancellor insisted in his speech to the Conservative Party conference yesterday that inflation was on course to meet the Government's target, City experts said yesterday's figures were

"Target inflation close to 2.5 per cent by the spring is a possibility, but the latest figures hint at the longer-term outlook," said Kevin Darlington, UK economist at Hoare Govett.

There was some reassurance

The Confederation of British Industry reported that retail sales volumes grew strongly but not at August's distinctly

overheated pace.
On the other hand, retailers expect business to pick up again next month. The orders they have placed with suppliers matched July's increase, the biggest since mid-1988.

The headline rate of inflation was unchanged at 2.1 per cent in September following a 0.5 per cent rise during the month. The September figure is used

to uprate benefits such as pensions. Others, such as housing benefit and family credit, will be increased by an alternative price index which excludes rent. mortgages and council tax. This edged up to 2.6 per cent.

older couple will still be less than £100 a week from next

Lower mortgage rates and a steep fall in seasonal food prices helped keep headline inflation steady in the face of higher costs for clothing and shoes, petrol and household services such as school fees and conveyancing charges.

These increases took the rate of retail price inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, the target measure, up to 2.9 per cent from 2.8 per cent. It was its first increase since last Motoring costs rose 1.5 per

cent in September due to high-er petrol prices and a rise in the price of second-hand cars. Ris-ing crude oil prices and the fadabout poutatial infligious Safety Gractagoss, difficulty and the pressure from a survey showing general of Age Concern, said are likely to keep the pressure high street sales growth was a "Low prices are good news, but on petrol prices."



Apr 94 Ang 94 Dec 94 Apr 95 Ang 95 Dec 95 Apr 96 Ang 96 jumped 5.2 per cent, the biggest monthly rise since records began in 1947. The arrival of the new season's fashions, especially in women's clothes, saw the price of some items rise by

10 to 30 per cent. This suggests that, with consumer demand beginning to strengthen, retailers are using this opportunity to widen their margins," said Simon Briscoe, an economist at investment bank Nikko. But he said the pressure on prices would be limited by consumers' insistence on

The CBI's survey supports this, showing a significant slowdown in the growth of sales volumes reported by clothes

down was in sales of durable household goods, despite a smaller rise in their price on the high street last month than last

The balance of retailers reporting higher rather than lower sales volumes was 46 per cent, down from 53 per cent in August although well above the levels of the spring. The underlying trend remained unchanged at a very robust 47 per cent. Orders placed with suppliers

rose between August and Sep-tember, from a balance of 35 per cent to 38 per cent. The balance reporting more than adequate levels of stocks to meet demand fell to the lowest recorded since the survey began in 1983, at only

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United cable firms fight Sky

channels, with extra services

Media Editor

Four leading cable operators are in discussions to launch a common set-top box for digital cable television, and aim to enter the digital TV market by the end of next year.

The move by Telewest Communications, Nynex Cable-Comms, Bell Cablemedia and General Cable is linked to plans by BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, to introduce its own digital service in the final quar-

The leading cable operators are keen to match Sky's capa-city to broadcast as many as 200

such as electronic banking and Internet connection. "It is in the interests of the in-

dustry to develop this kind of technological platform on a collective basis," a spokeswoman for Bell Cablemedia said last night. "That's why we have been working closely with our colleagues."

The four operators met this week with executives from Pace Microtechnology, the set-top box manufacturer, to discuss the common standard. Pace, which this week delivered its 100,000th digital TV receiver for the global market, hopes to win a con-

Videotron and International Cable Tel, are not involved. Cable Tel, which owns transmission company NTL is believed to be more interested in the prospects for digital terrestrial television. scheduled for launch in 1998.

The industry hopes to develop cable-exclusive services for digital customers. In addition to banking and interactive services, it hopes to develop programming to compete with the far more advanced digital plans of Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB. Sky has already lined up at least two Hollywood contracts to supply films on a pay-per-view

Boots plans to open stores overseas

tract to make the new cable box.

Boots is to open health and beauty stores overseas in a £30m programme over the next 18 months. Boots will open three stores in Holland next summer. Five will open in Thailand. Plans for Japan are expected shortly. The company said in June

that it was investigating

tunities. Boots chief executive, Lord Blyth, said yesterday: The purpose of opening these pilot stores is to carry out a thorough evaluation of the commercial opportunities and operational issues before considering the scope for further in- Smith's half-share of Do-It-All, vestment in these counties or the DIY chain, to the Monop-

In Holland, Boots has reached an agreement with a local company, Eva, to operate a pharmacy service in the shops.

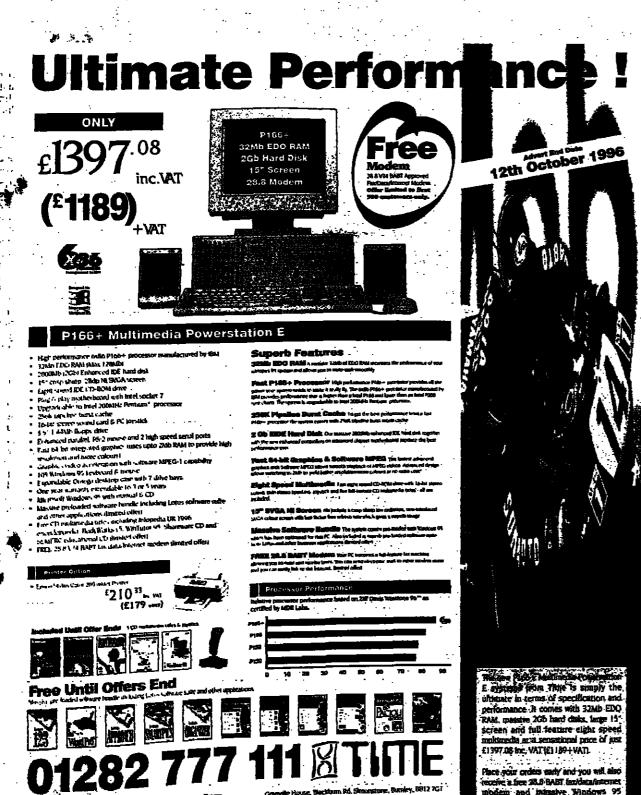
The news came as the Govemment said it would not refer Boots' acquisition of WH

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Warnings investors should note

their losses. It is so tempting to look at a flagging share and believe another 20p or whatever will bring you back to the price you paid - before you know it the share has fallen another

Drawing a line under the investment then becomes that much harder, so you hold on in the vain hope that things will get better. Finally, you bite the bullet and take a loss maybe four or five times

bigger than you should have done.
This startled rabbit effect is clearest when a company unexpectedly issues a profits warning. The shock of seeing 40 or 50 per cent wiped off the value of your investment in one day small bounce the following day is often enough to persuade you that the market has over-reacted. Sometimes it has, but take a look at the charts below. More often these days a profits warning is just the beginning of the

In recent months there has been a spate of warnings of this sort. Matthew Clark is one of the clearest examples - 670p one day, 430p the next, 306p 10 days later. But there have been plenty of others - Inspec down 29 per cent in two weeks, First Information Group down 87 per cent in three weeks, Strat-

agem down 29 per cent in two days. Tilney & Co, the Liverpool-based regional broker, has studied a raft of recent profit warnings in search of themes. Obviously, with such a range of companies, the picture is rather complex, but a number of strands have emerged.

The first common feature of recent collapses has been the sheer scale of the fall and the fact that it tends to continue for many trading days before turning into a gentle downward drift. In the past, share price tumbles tended to be tempered by contrathinkers who moved into the market and took the edge off the downward pressure. Bottom fishers are far less in evidence now.

Secondly, there seems to be a preponderance of dramatic falls among highly rated but poorly understood hitech or biotech companies. The technical knowledge required to understand many quoted companies these days has simply moved out of the orbit of most investors. They become mesmerised by exponential growth prospects and panic when the wheels appear to come off.

But plainly such an explanation does little to answer why the market

One of the hardest things for investors is to admit they got it wrong and cut $THE\ INVESTMENT\ COLUMN$

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50p and rather than facing up to a £200 situations such as this, where investors well be an early a loss you're getting in a flap about a have a good understanding of the around the corner. dynamics of a business. Tilney believes the explanation has more to do with the current high level of the market. At around 4,000, investors are uncomfortable and desperate to be in "quality" stocks when the music stops. impresses City By definition, a company that warns on profits is not "quality" and investors run for the exit.

So what should you do in the unfortunate event that one of your will avoid further declines. In Tilney's words, profits warnings, like buses, often come in threes – selling after the first will often look sensible by the time the Last December third comes along.

Second, with the market riding high, look for quality. Relatively low priceare underperforming the rest of the cylinders.

is punishing companies like the cider market, even by a small amount - the maker Matthew Clark so harshly. In lukewarm attitude of investors could situations such as this, where investors well be an early sign of bad news

With its slightly old-fashioned name and £50m in the full product lines which include size 26 of group sales. dresses, the mail order group N Brown value of your investment in one day renders you incapable of thinking clearly about the situation and a investments goes sour? First, forget the old stock market advice that you should of a stock market oddity. The fact that never panic – get out as quickly as you Sir David Alliance, the Coats Viyella can. You will miss out on some chairman, and his family control 40 per rebounds, but in many more cases you cent of the group has also give the impression that it was little more than his "second company". The last year has

Last December's £1.1bn bid for Littlewoods in conjunction with Iceland, gave notice that N Brown was now a force to be reckoned with. It also earnings ratios provide a cushion if your showed the company's management investment rationale hangs on a high prospective growth rate. Make sure Analysts savaged Iceland's lofty ambiyour company's earnings are backed up by strong cash flow, which is much hard-Manchester-based group has developed er to fudge. Finally, avoid shares which into a £600m business still firing on all

The latest set of figures were again deeply impressive. Pre-tax profits rose by 27.4 per cent to £12.6m in the six months to the end of August. The second half has also started well.

Every one of the group's mail order catalogues improved sales and profits in the period, while the Sator acquisition, picked up in May for £6m, contributed £200,000.

Though N Brown's core customer remains over 50, it has been moving more to attract the 30- to 40-year-old shopper. Catalogues such as Classic Combination and Fashion World, which were launched two years ago, are expected to achieve sales of around £50m in the full year, almost 20 per cent

A new telephone call centre is being opened in Bury and the possibility of telephone operators working from home is being explored. N Brown is also moving to take more control of the distribution end of the business. It aims to establish a network of 1,200 couriers across the country.
These private individuals will deliver products, pick up returns and help the company develop a closer relationship with the customer.

N Brown shares have trebled in five years and closed 22p higher at 421p yesterday. With full-year forecasts of £36.5m they trade on a forward rating of 25. Even for a company of this quality, that is pretty demanding for a new purchase but the shares are

Bosman ruling costs Spurs £7.3m

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Alan Sugar, chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, said yesterday that the company had taken a £7.3m provision to adjust the balance sheet value of the football club's players in the light of the Bosman ruling. The club's wage bill would rise by 20 per cent to £10m a year due to the renegotiation of some player contracts.

This followed Manchester United's statement earlier this week that its wage bill would rise by £5m a year due to the negotiation of longer player contracts.

Mr Sugar accompanied his

announcement with a coruscating attack on the finances of football, which he said had not yet absorbed the full implications of the Bosman ruling. This ruling means that players can move without a transfer fee

at the end of their contracts. "This (the Bosman ruling) is a devastating blow to the foot-ball industry," Mr Sugar said. "People have not fully adjusted to the implications. It is a real

He added that larger trans-

TI calm

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disposal

TI yesterday shrugged off the

sale of almost 9 per cent of its

shares by Mannesmann, the

German telecommunications and engineering group, writes Tom Stevenson. The engineer's

share price closed 8p lower at

556.5p after UBS, Cazenove

and SBC Warburg placed 42.1 million shares at 532p each.

Analysts took at face value

remarks from Mannesmann's

chief executive, Joachim Funk,

who said: "Mannesmann's de-

cision to dispose of its holding

in TI Group was based wholly

on factors unconnected with TI

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Strauss Turnbull, said: "It is not a major blow for TI. There was a plan to work together in new areas and territorics but noth-

ing significant came of it."

The German group said it

was "focusing its investments in

telecommunications... and has

recently undertaken significant

additional commitments in

TT's chairman, Sir Christopher

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had been "helpful" to TI and fur-

ther collaboration opportuni-

Mr Khan said the groups had drifted apart in terms of

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extremely satisfactory." Zafar Khan, engineering an-



On the attack: Alan Sugar criticised the transfer ruling

fer fees like the £15m move of Alan Shearer from Blackburn Rovers to Newcastle could not be sustained in the future though higher wages were likely

"It will be important to sign younger players on longer contracts and develop your youth policy. Otherwise we might as well put the padlock on White Hart Lane and get the property developers in and put a

supermarket there." Spurs has amortised the value

of its players down to zero over the course of their contracts. The current value of its playing staff is £10.2m in the balance

He was speaking as Tottenham announced pre-excep-tional profits of £11.9m for year to 31 May. The club is changing its year-end to the end of July to bring it into line with

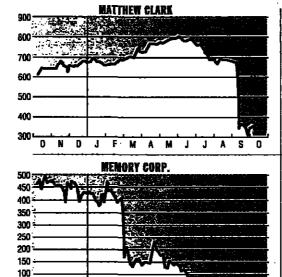
the football season.

The club has set aside £8m of April's £11m rights issue to develop the north stand. Work should start at the end of this season and take the capacity to 36,000. Cash balances stood at £12.3m and Mr Sugar said funds were available for new players.

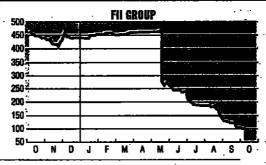
Group sales increased to £37m from £25m. Sponsorship revenues were 55 per cent ahead, largely due to the new deals with Pony and Hewlett Packard. Stripping out player trading, underlying profits almost doubled to £8.9m

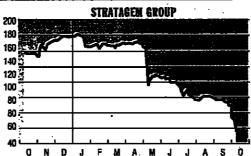
The company said the mains contribution in the current financial year would be increased revenue from the new television deal with BSkyB. The shares fell 2.5p to 439p.

SOMETIMES THEY JUST KEEP FALLING



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Pearl prepares to conker the world

The 32nd annual Pearl World Conker Championships are upon us. Nearly 350 competitors from the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany and Holland are limbering up for the championships in Ashton in

Northamptonshire. Pearl, the assurance company, has its headquarters in nearby Peterborough, and sponsors the event because our industry has a fairly dull image and this is wacky," says

a Pearl spokesman. Geoff Delany, Pearl's company secretary, says: "In this industry we're no strangers to rules and regulations and neither are the conker players. "In the Pearl Championships no-one is allowed to pickle, bake or otherwise tamper

with their nuts.

"If they do, they lose their licence to play. The only performance-enhancing substances permitted are those available in the beer tent."

The conkerfest raises around £14,000 a year for charity and has been won only once by someone from overseas, a Mexican, who outconkered everyone 16 years

ago.
The Pearl spokesman says that another way of hardening a conker is to "pass it

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through a pig". Something to do with acid in the pig's stom-ach. Wacky indeed.

Alan Sugar, chairman of Tottenham Hotspur and Amstrad, was asked yesterday about merchandising. Manchester United's results earlier in the week had shown how well the Reds were doing from flogging whisky, lager and lots of other things. So

how are Spurs doing? Mr Sugar replied: "Because they've [Manchester United] been so successful and they're champions, they are known

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world. They can put their name to just about anything beer, shoelaces, toothbrushes. At the moment, we're on bed

A successful American concept which links saving businesses money with giving to charity is about to be launched in the UK, courtesy of the Prince's Trust and Business in the Community.

Gifts in Kind is chaired by Sir Peter Eliwood, chief executive designate at Lloyds TSB. It is based on the Gifts in Kind charity in America, which annually transfers



\$400m from business to good causes in America.

The idea is based on what to do with millions of pounds worth of goods which businesses find are surplus to re-quirements. Instead of storing or destroying these surpluses. which is expensive, Gifts in Kind will connect businesses with hundreds of charities nation-wide and enable them to pass on the goods. Everyone

Richard Cresswell, a spokesman for the scheme, who formerly worked for the Investors Compensation Scheme, says: "Businesses usually find the subject of waste embarrassing. This will offer them a completely confidential way to get rid of the

stuff and save money."
Goods include anything from computers to clothes. Anyone interested in the cheme should contact Mr Cresswell on 0171 204 5003.

Internet cafés such as Cyberia, where you can sip coffee and surf the Internet at the same time, are not new. Entrepreneurs Bev Ripley and Terry Norris think they have hit on a new formula, however. They plan to launch 100 Hands On cases in the UK.

"Our cafés will act as computer training centres for small businesses and individu

als, as well as providing the Internet," Mr Norris said. He said Hands On was not so different from the duo's past two ventures. They built Cityvision, the 800-strong Ritz video rentals chain, which they sold to Blockbuster Video in 1992 for £80m.

"The cafés will be very like a rental business. You can pay to use the computers by the hour - say £6 for an hour's worth of the Internet. It makes more sense for us to buy the hardware than individuals, where their PC will sit in the corner at home un-

used for most of the day." Mr Ripley and Mr Norris followed Ritz by building a chain of video games shops called Future Zone, which they sold to US stores chain Electronics Boutique.

*Hands On will be similar to Future Zone, in that we will sell software and moderns as well," Mr Norris said. The duo have raised £1.1m

via a rights issue for the cafés' holding company, Reflex, and open their first café in Lon-don on Sunday.

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Going nuts: conker championships enhance Pearl's Image

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IN BRIEF

• Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Group, said his company was in talks with the receivers of Air Liberte on a possible acquisition of the French carrier. He said Air Liberte offered "a way forward for us in France," and France was a "slot-restricted country". British Airways is expected to deposit a bid for Air Liberte, currently under court administration, on

• Complaints about gas bills have doubled in the past six months, the Gas Consumers Council disclosed yesterday as it began discussions with the industry regulator Ofgas over the latest British Gas billing fiasco. Up to 1,000 people in South-west England who have switched to rival suppliers have received letters from British Gas's debt collection agency demanding payment for bills they have never received. Ian Powe, the GCC's director, attributed the error to a £150m billing system that the company had commissioned before checking it worked properly. Billing complaints tose from 6,200 between April and September 1995 to 12,858 in the same period this year.

• London International Group said it would cut 350 jobs as paur of a revamp of its US manufacturing operations. It would close its condom manufacturing facility in Anderson, South Carolina, by December 1997 and transfer to a recently acquired plant in Alabama, it said. "Our decision to transfer condom manufacturing to Alabama follows LIG's acquisition of Aladan in May of this year," said the group chief executive, Nick Hodges. Total costs resulting from the closure and other restructuring in the US would be fully met from the group's provisions, including the £8m no-

 BAA's seven UK airports handled a total of 9.4 million passengers in September, up 3.2 per cent on the same month last year. Traffic in the UK domestic and Irish markets both increased by 8 per cent and the European scheduled market increased by per cent, BAA said yesterday. Traffic on North Atlantic routes increased by 2.6 per cent and other long-haul traffic increased by 6.8 per cent. However, the European charter market showed a fall of 8 per cent on the same month last year.

• Fitness First, the UK health and fitness club operator secking admission to the Alternative Investment Market, said it had raised £8m before expenses from its placing of 10 million ordinary shares at a price of 80p per share. The placing shares will represent 36.4 per cent of the ordinary shares in issue, giving the company a market capitalisation of £22m at the placing price. Dealing in the ordinary shares on AIM is scheduled to commence on 16 Öctober.

IN THIS WEEKEND'S NDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY



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Once, he dominated global politics, changing history as few others have ever done; today he is all but forgotten. But Mikhail Gorbachev still wants to change the world. He talks to Ian Parker about power, politics and American movies

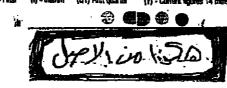
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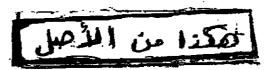
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Tesco overtakes Sainsbury in stock market valuation It was a momentous day in the after the downgrade the rating of 14 times earnings is still too

food retailing sector as Tesco finally replaced arch-rival J Sainsbury as the nation's biggest supermarket by stock market valuation. Tesco, already the leader in terms of market share, is also set to overtake Sainsbury as the country's most profitable su-

At 313p, down 2p on the day, Tesco's market capitali-sation of £6.8bn is now £12m more than Sainsbury, whose shares hit their lowest level since April 1994 after a large institutional investor, said to be SBC Warburg, offloaded 30 million shares via a placing at

Sentiment was also depressed by sell advice and re-duced estimates from two leading brokers. Paul Smiddy at Credit Lyonnais cut his pretax forecast for the year to March 1997 from £767m to £718m. He believes that even

demanding as it clings to the outmoded concept of Sainsbury being the market leader with the strongest brand. He reckons interims due at the end of the month will be "appalling" with profits down 12

per cent at the pre-tax level.
NatWest cut its forecast from £750m to £725m for this year and now looks for £794m (previously £828m) for fiscal 1998. It sees no evidence of a credible marketing strategy emerging to differentiate Sainsbury from its rivals, while like-for-like sales growth is nearer 3 per cent than the in-

dustry average of 5.5 per cent.
Worse than expected inflation figures and weak bond markets pushed the FTSE 100 28.1 points lower at one stage, but the index recovered after a mid-morning rally on Wall Street to end 14.6 adrift at 3994.7. Volumes of over 900



MARKET REPORT

PATRICK TOOHER

engineering group.
TI dipped as low as 549.5p before rallying to close a net 8p off at 556.5p in turnover of 98 million shares after German automotive and telecoms giant Mannesmann sold its 8.86 per cent stake for £224m. The 42.1 million shares were placed in the market by UBS, Cazen-ove and SBC Warburg at 532p. Endorsed by Princess Diana and Edina and Patsy in the sitcom Absolutely Fabulous, Har-

vey Nichols has always been the height of fashion among Is-

lington ladies who lunch. Now the famous Knights-

bridge store, whose first re-

gional outlet opens in Leeds ings in Sainsbury and TI, the engineering group.

next week, is acquiring a stock market chic all of its own.

Floated at 270p in April, its shares have been strong performers, peaking earlier this week at 372.5p. They eased half a penny yesterday to 269.5p but US investment bank Morgan Stanley thinks the stock has imther to go.

Analyst Victoria Melendez has just raised her profit forecasts for the group, citing bet-ter-than-expected sales and good cost control. Turnover at the flagship Knightsbridge store is likely to have risen by about 14 per cent year-onyear, more than her initial forecast of 9 per cent.

restaurant has become an instant bit and is operating at full capacity.

She now sees Harvey Nichols realising annual compound earnings growth of 27.3 per cent over the next three years and has raised its 12month price target for the

shares from 376p to 400p.

Etam may not be trying to but the womenswear retailer wants to shed its Sharon and Tracy image by appealing to a more fashion-conscious customer. To that end, models Jerry Hall and Marie Helvin, ex-Gladiators Sharon (sic) Davies and Diane Udal and actress sisters Lesley and Debbie Ash are being enlisted as part of a £5m revamp.

The news came as Etam unveiled a widening of first-half losses to £5.75m from £3.85m. Nick Bubb at broker Mees

of up to 55m in the year to February 1998. The shares added 2p to 157.5p.

shares in Manchester-based mail order group N Brown rose 22p to 421p after posting another set of strong results. Composite insurer Com-

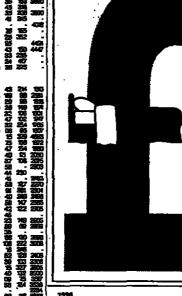
mercial Union led the list of best Footsie performers, rising 19p to 645p after broker BZW said the shares could be worth 800p in a rerating of the life sector. Cazenove, Lehman **Brothers and Goldman Sachs** are also buyers off the stock. Guardian Royal Exchange also benefited, firming 7p to 265p. as did General Accident, up 6.5p to 725p.

As flagged here vesterday, Albert Fisher completed the sale of its US distribution business for a better-than-expected £73.5m, but the shares fell 1.25p to 39.5p.

In addition, Harvey Nicks' Pierson has taken the stock off Shares in Helene were sus-recently opened Ozo Tower its sell list and predicts profits pended yesterday at 7p as the had agreed to a proposed reverse takeover by Dyckhoff, a privately-run German retaildeal, which is subject to due diligence, would mark the stock market return of textiles entrepreneur Harold Tillman, who recently won a four-year court battle to overturn his disqualification from

being a company director. Irish mineral explores Ovoca is expected to antion on a 50 per cent interest in four large oilfields in west-ern Siberia. The fields could contain proven and probable million barrels. To fund the deal Ovoca is issuing 2.1 million shares of 2p each. Last night Ovoca's shares were

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Consistent growth may not be enough for voters

Kenneth Clarke cried yesterday:
"If we fight the election on the economy, we will win." Well what else would you expect from a Conserva-tive Chancellor at his last party conference before a general election, determined to rally the troops?

But with voter-bribing tax cuts still eluding him, Mr Clarke is indeed hoping that the past few years of con-sistent economic growth will pay off in votes. And he has a long tradition of analysis and punditry to boost his optimism. Economic success wins elections for incumbents, so the received wisdom goes. Or, in the words of the incornigible Clinton adviser, James Carville: "It's the economy, stupid."

Moreover, the received wisdom has statistics to back it up, in the US at least. For more than 20 years, economists in the US have shown that a relatively simple econometric relationship holds between economic growth and the political parties' share of the Presidential vote. Roughly speaking, if you push up growth by 1 per cent in the last year of a Democratic President's term of office, then you push the Democratic candidate's vote up by around 1 per cent in the subsequent election

(see graph).

However, the implications for Mr
Clarke are not as cheerful as they
may seem. In the 1992 US Presidential election, the model broke down. Economic growth simply did not deliver votes for George Bush. Moreover, the several possible reasons why growth wasn't enough for the Republicans in 1992 will all be worrying for Mr Clarke too.

The original economists' models of the links between growth and votes in the US emerged in the Seventies. Yale Professor Ray Fair considered



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Presidential elections from 1916 to revisions to the theory to explain 1976 and developed a model which what happened in 1992.* proved accurate (more or less) at predicting the 1980, 1984 and 1988 elections. The share of the vote, according to Professor Fair's model, depends on whether the candidate is already the incumbent President, the level of economic growth that year and very slightly on the level of inflation. Professor Fair also found that voters seemed to have short memories. Only growth in the last year be-fore the election was significant.

For a start, it could be lack of good news. Although economic growth in the US in 1992 was reasonable enough, over the previous three years growth remained consistently below average. At no point was there even a blip of good economic news. Taking this into account, Professor Pair found that the 1992 election result seemed far more consistent with its predecessors after all. But if economic good news does

'The Fair model predicted that George Bush would win the 1992 US election'

If Professor Fair's original model held true today in Britain, Mr Clarke could relax. Forget the recession, forget Black Wednesday, forget all those tax increases; the important thing for voters is the growth record for the next six months, which every-

one agrees will be good. However, even in the US, the origmal Fair model no longer works. It predicted that Mr Bush would win the 1992 election comfortably. He was the incumbent, inflation was low, and his recent economic growth record wasn't bad. Instead, Bill Clinton won with 53 per cent of the vote.

Amused by how seriously the world took his original model, Profd several

matter, and if British voters are affected in the same way, then the implications for Mr Clarke are not good. The UK economy has not exhibited any "good news" blips in the past three years either. Steady, unexciting rates of growth may be good for the economy over the long term, but if they don't enthuse voters, Mr Clarke will be seeking a new

job next year. The second new factor considered by Professor Fair to explain the 1992 election result is boredom. He calls it the duration effect. When a party has been in power too long, he suggests, voters are so bored and fed up they are likely to turf the incumbent party out regardless of the

state of the economy, And the sta-tistics support his theory. Again the implications for Mr Clarke, if the results cross the Atlantic, are not good. But even Professor Fair's revised model of the connection between economies and election results may

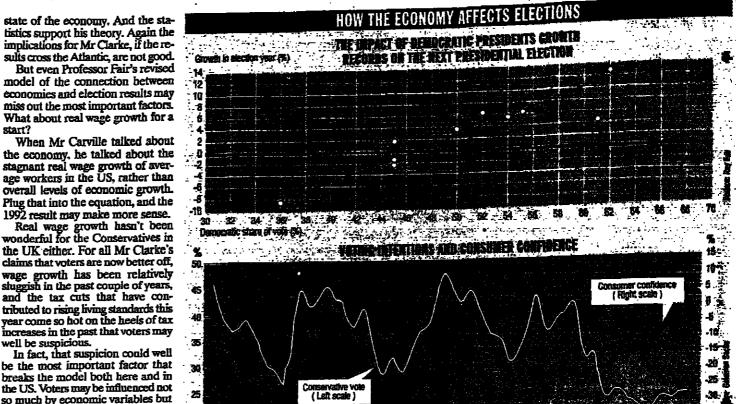
When Mr Carville talked about the economy, he talked about the stagnant real wage growth of average workers in the US, rather than overall levels of economic growth. Plug that into the equation, and the 1992 result may make more sense.

Real wage growth hasn't been wonderful for the Conservatives in the UK either. For all Mr Clarke's claims that voters are now better off, wage growth has been relatively sluggish in the past couple of years, and the tax cuts that have contributed to rising living standards this year come so hot on the heels of tax increases in the past that voters may

well be suspicious.

In fact, that suspicion could well be the most important factor that breaks the model both here and in the US. Voters may be influenced not so much by economic variables but by politicians lying about economic variables. In 1992, Mr Bush went to the polls having broken his promise not to raise taxes. John Major and Mr Clarke are about to do the same

As the graph from Goldman Sachs shows, consumer confidence and government popularity moved roughly together over 20 years un-til 1993, when tax rises started to kick m. Could it be that breaking such politically sensitive promises has decoupled voting intentions from the state of the economy?



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sure political trust. As Professor Fair himself cheerfully admits, there are huge weaknesses in plotting statistical relationships to explain such complex matters - not least the difficulties in measuring important variables. We have so little data to make such sweeping claims. Even going back to 1916, Profes-

Unfortunately Professor Fair's sor Fair is only able to consider 20 econometric model can't give us the Presidential elections. Search a small data set for a long time, throw in enough variables and some kind of statistical relationship is bound to emerge. But there is no guarantee that the relationship you actually find explains anything at all.

Professor Fair, with his revised model, predicts that Mr Clinton should win 49.5 per cent of the vote in November this year.

If he is accurate, we should give his model another look. In the meantime, however, the many other possible explanations for Mr Bush's 1992 defeat seem far more persua-sive, and more worrying for Conservatives, who rest their electoral hopes on economic growth.

"Econometrics and Presidential Elections" by Ray C Fair, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Summer 1996.

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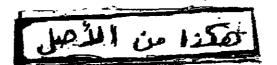
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Kinane's persuasiveness brings Oscar

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Scar Schindler will attempt to liberate the Melbourne Cup for Ireland for a second time, it was confirmed yesterday. The colt, who is almost big enough to be a prototype for the beast that the dizzy locals wheeled into Iroy, will attempt to plunder Australia's greatest prize largely on the advice of Mick Kinane. The multiple Irish champion

jockey, who collected the Melbourne Cup for the northern hemisphere for the first time when Vintage Crop was successful at Flemington three years ago, has persuaded owner Oliver Lehane to reinvest the third-place money Oscar Schin-dler gained in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday.

"It was Mick who persuaded me and he will ride Oscar Schindler in the race," Lehane said yesterday. "He thinks he could win even if he was 7lb worse off, while he would need to improve 71b to win the Breeders' Cup Turf. I still think The has an enormous task but we'll give it a go."

By the time Oscar Schindler ASCOT

200 Fairy Knight

2.30 Dances With Dreams

3.40 FAREWELL MY LOVE (nap)

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places).

2.30: Peter Chapple-Hyam and Pani Cole have 20% and 25% strike-rates with horses first-time out and the for-mer's DANCES WITH DREAMS, from the family of the speedy Soba, is just preferred to Cole's Bintang Timor. Musharak carries the first colours of Hamdan Al Maktoum and is bred for speed, being by Mu-jtahid out of a Danzig mare.

beast on a different continent will be known. The equine celebrity Cigar is said to be in the sort of shape that has doctors applauding as he is pre-pared for the Breeders' Cup Classic two weeks tomorrow. Yet the horse who earlier this year equalled Citation's record

of 16 straight wins in the United States now has fallibility as a constant shadow. Cigar's quest for the unique foundered at Del Mar in August and his defeat at Belmont Park at the weekend meant that he had lost two of his last three races.

Whether he can scramble back on to the pedestal may be determined by the presence of determined by the presence of sidering partnership schemes to his New York conqueror, Skip get their colt to post,

The apprentices Gary Milligan

and Fergus Sweeney were tak-en to hospital after a horrifying incident in the final race at York

Milligan was fired to the

ground when his mount, Claireswan, fell after appearing

to clip the heels of Voices In The

yesterday.

4.15 Northern Fleet

5.20 Bit On The Side

STALLS: Round course — inside; straight course — stands side.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers probably best on straight course

Right-hand course with testing uphall finish.

Course is near junction of A329 and A330. Access from M3 (June 3) and M4 (June 6). Helicopter-landing facility at course. Ballway station (service from London, Water-loo) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 5.12 (Junior Members 18-25 years, half price); Grandstand & Paddock 58; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARE: No's 1, 2 & 3 54, remainder free.

II LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: J Dunlop — 26 winners from 143 runners gives a success ratio of 18.2% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of £64.05; J Gooden — 23 winners, 155 runners, 172%, -514.85; R Hannon — 20 winners, 336 runners, 8.52%, -558.49; M Steute — 18 winners, 176 runners, 10.2%, -56.55.

III LEADING JOCEETS: L Dettor! — 35 wirners, 232 tides, 15.1%, +£33.79; Pat Eddery — 35 winners, 262 tides, 13.4%, -£25.20; W Carson — 32 winners, 235 rides, 13.6%, -547.36; T quinn — 27 winners, 197 rides, 13.6%, -51.04.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mandicate (visored), Osabalajda Wikh You (3.40).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Artic Bay (2.00) & Marcileas Cop (3.40) won at langual of rides provided from Mangieswick, LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Less (4.15) sent 229 miles by W Storey from Mangieswick.

CO Darhar Grate Times (3.40) sent 342 miles by E Wenners from Coverham, N Yorks.

at Lingshid on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Ima (4.15) sent 289 miles by W Storny from Magazienski Co Durbeut, Grate Times (3.40) sent 242 miles by E Weymes from Coverham, N Torks.

2.00 BOLLINGER SERIES FINAL HANDICAP (AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS E) £6,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,397

- 19 secured Minimum weight: Set 7th, True handlop weight: Saw Rocker Set 5th, Golden Hader Set 13th,
BETTING: 9-2 Memorial, 6-1 Newport Reight, 8-1 Artic Say, 8-1 Country Lover, Sex Mend., 10-1
Reby Maight, Montons, 12-1 others
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4.45 Russian Music (nb)

has burned it up on 5 November, the deeds of a greater he would have to be supplemented. The grey is trained by Sonny Hine and owned by his wife, Carolyn, and if they had the money hidden away under

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Abeyr (Ascot 3.05) NB: Orontes (Ascot 3.40)

a bed to add him to the field their mattress would be close to the ceiling. The Hines will decide in the next few days whether they can collect the \$480,000 it will take to participate in Toronto, and are con-

Sky in the apprentices' handi-

cap. Master Hyde was brought

down by Claireswan, throwing

ported: "Both jockeys are sitting

up and talking. Fergus Sweeney

may be discharged tonight but

Gary Milligan may have to stay

A hospital spokeswoman re-

Sweeney out of the saddle.

business capital this week is that the globe's most valuable meeting may be disrupted by industrial problems. The rumblings from workers (they are still allowed to have union marest in Canada) suggest the Friday be-fore the big day is not the optimum moment to be landing in the dominion. But if there are placards

about they are just as likely to be demonising Skip Away as any conglomerate, as he made himself as popular in North America as John Wilkes Booth when he brought down the champion.
There is little more affection for Dare And Go, who was the first to bite into Cigar's ring of invincibility in the Pacific Clas-

sic earlier this year. He seems Horrifying fall for apprentices at York

> rious injuries." The stewards decided that Voices In The Sky's rider, Royston Ffrench, was guilty of care-less riding in that he allowed his mount to drift across causing interference to Claireswan. He was banned for two days.

in overnight. There are no se-

The word from Canada's to have subsequently mislaid his slingshot, but will be a potent force in the Classic if he can return to his best. Dare And Go is just one of two possible runners in the race for the California trainer Richard Mandella (no relation). The West Coast man also prepares the ex-French-trained colt Atticus, who also has an engagement in the Mile. Atticus, formerly an inmate with Criquette Head, would probably switch to the longer event if the Woodbine surface received rain and de-

veloped a rice pudding texture. Whatever turns up for the Breeders' Cup on 26 October, however, there is little doubt that Cigar will be favourite for the Classic. The six-year-old was so distraught when his winning run was brought to an end in August that for days afterwards he refused to eat the peppermints that are his favourite confection. Cigar was in front just yards after the post at the weekend, however, and no one has been man enough to tell him he did not actually win. Visitors with sweeties have been more worried about leaving his box with the same number of fingers as when they arrived.



Cigar will attempt to get back on the winning track in Toronto in a fortnight Photograph: Phil Smith/Sporting Life

HYPERION'S

3.05: The first three home in the Rosemary Handicap on Frankie

Dettori day, Patefully, ABRYR and Prancing reoppose, with preference for the second there. She met trouble in running and was giving 51b to the other pair, but now receives 3lb from her neck conqueror, Palefully. Of the three, she is most likey to appreciate the easy ground. The danger is Turning Wheel, who im-pressed in beating yesterday's York winner Multicoloured at Windsor.

3.40: With the stalls on the stand rail and the going on the easy side, a low draw may be an advantage. FAREWELL MY LOVE, who has the plum berth, disappointed las-time but was a facile winner on similar conditions at Goodwood previ ously. The lightly raced Orostes wil be a danger if he has learned to sertle, while Grate Times is a consis

4.15 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £13,000 added 2m 45yde Penalty Value £9.526

The Will stituting to lead now that he species a longer tip.

Selection: NORTHERN FLEET

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not won this year despite some decent export, most recently a south to receively over counter, and distance. That suggested that she girts a mile well enough. Ven Gury won a York melden lest morth but strugged in Kemmerra's Donosster race attenueds and needs to improve. Show Faith won the 1993 Britannia Handicap on soft ground hare but has smooth nothing in three runs that year.

Selection: RUSSIAN MUSIC

5.20 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 4f P McCabe (3) 12 Martin Duyer (5) 15 1600-10. BIT ON THE SDC (141) (40) (Aller Handett) M Bory 7 9 5.

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CARESIE HYPERION .50 Ret Frem 2.20 Kiltulia 2.55 Merryhill Gold 3.30 Beldine 4.00 Bolaney Girl 4.35 Kushbeloo

GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places).

Elight-hand undulating course.

Course is on the southern outsides of town, 4m W of junction 42 of M6. Bus service from Cartisle station which is 2 miles away.

ADMISSION: Camb 5.12 (OAPs & under-2 is £9); Testensalis £6 (OAPs & under-2 is £3); Testensalis £6 (OAPs & under-2 is £3).

5.10 Best Friend

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.
WINDLES IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Letvian (4.00) won at Hexham
on Friday; Stepdilast Effec (4.00) won at Utomere on Saturday.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Merryhill Gold (2.56), Bark Dak
(4.36) & Best Friend (6.10) have been sent 148 miles by J Curtis 1.50 SHAP JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS

E) £3,000 added 3YO 2m 1f DOUBLE DASH D Motatt 10 12

2.20 DURDAR NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 4f 110yds

– 4 declared – BETTING: 5-4 Show Your Hand, 7-4 Kiltulia, 7-2 Calder's Groyn, 12-1 Bon-2.55 HARRABY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE

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GOING: Good to Firm.

Bigist-hand, level course. Eun-in 200yds.

Course is at junction of A1 and A804. Huntingdom station (service from London, Kingle Cross) In. ADMINSTON: Members 512; Paddock SE; Course 54. CAB PARK: Piente area 51; rest free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lear Daucer (2.10).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Note.
LONG-DISTANCE RUDNERS: Cooky's Valve (4.35) has been sent.
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2.10 EMERALD ISLE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS

E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

5.30 Ermyns Pet

3,30 CITY OF CARLISLE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 addied 2m

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BETTING: 7-4 Charming Gale, 2-1 Beldion, 11-4 Political Tower, 6-1 Fissh

4.00 ORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f

63-1251 STEADFAST BUTE (6) (0) | 1 O'Net 5 11 11 (7e) R McGrafe 07133-2 NAMOS (11) G M Moore 5 11 10 ______ E Callagian 07661 LATMAN (7) R Atan 9 11 10 (7e) _____ S Melmose (3) V P(3-54 WELL APPONEED (5) (20) B Macagagar 7 11 8 ____ S G Lee 0840-31 BOLANEY (STIL (20) (20) F Murtagh 7 10 3 ____ A Roche 1046-43 LATIN LEADER (15) C Parier 6 10 11 _____ D Parier 8 - 9 secure -BETTING: 9-4 Stondart Ellis, 7-2 Bolenny Girl, 4-1 Notics, 5-1 Letvice 6-1 Well Appointed, 7-1 Letia Leader

4.35 BLACKWELL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m 3112-42 NUSHBALDO (20) (CD) (BF) C Parier 11 12 0. 403F5-4 DARK GAK (20) J Curts 10 11 9.....

5.10 TARN CRAG NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 added 2m 1f 41- MORCHERN FUSILIER (168) J M Jefferson 4 11 10 . LOOK SHARPE P Beautions 5 11 4.....

- 7 declared BETTING: evens Northern Fueller, 3-1 Lindsjane, 6-1 Look Sharpe, 7-1
Best Friend, 20-1 The Relitor, Joe's Bit Of Gold, Jed Abbey

3.50 HARTLEY'S JAM HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 110yds

- 5 deciared -BETIMG: 13-8 Ramstar, 7-2 Fierce, 4-1 Fine Harvest, 9-2 Lowensthi

4.25 AUSTRALIA HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 110yds 0-1331R STAR MARKET (6) (C D BF) J Spenning 6 12 0...A P McCoy B

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2.20; 1, KRNG OF BABYLON (L Aspel) 9-4 fav; 2. Lac De Gras 8-1; 3. They All For-got Me 5-1. 8 ran, 3½, 2½. (F Jordan, Leominster) Tota: £2.90; £1.60, £2.40. Dual Forecast: £7,60. Computer Straight For £17,02.

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3.50: 1. ON THE TEAR (Climetho) 6-1: 2. Little By Little 7-1; 3. Script 13-8.4 rm. 11-8 fav Bue Raven (fell. 2, 3. (F Lloyd, Sangar-on-Dee). Toke: £7.90. DP: £7.90. CSP. £30.90.

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Williamson) 11-4; 2. Chostly Apparition 4-1; 3. Little Kenny 4-1, 7 rst. 9-4 far Bath Knight (4tn), 7, ½, (7 J Neughton, Epsom). Telm: £3.80; £3.20, £2.10, DP. £8.30, CSF.

£12.89, Tho: £18,20, Non Runners: Andso Boy, Laughing Buccinest. Placepot: £1,572-20. Quadpot: £80.70, Place 6: £700.68. Place 5 £303.19.

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2.10: 1. KYMIN IA P McCoyl 5-4 jt fax; 2. Gulataeori Jene 4-1. 3 mm. 5-4 jt fov Ne-senta. 1%. (D Murray Smith), Tobe: £2.10. Dual Forecast: £3.00. Computer Straight Fore-cast: £5.02. Non Runner: Up The Tempo. 2.40: 2. DRUNGULLEN (T.J. Murphy) 5-3. 3 July July 12-1.3 September 11. 2, 2 Templo's Green 12-1; 3. Forgrove 11-1, 7 ran, 9-4 lay Marentone Gale, 10, 10, (K Belleyi, Totas £3.00; £2.10, £2.50, Dual Forecast: £12.40, Computer Straight Forecast: £26.81. 310: 1 BIDRAPURA (C Maudel 8-11 tax;

2. Canary Falcon 3-1; 3. Seiley 5-1. 5 ran. 7., 27. (M Pipe), Tote: £1.40; £1.00, £2.20. Dual Forecast: £1.70. Computer Straight Forecast: £3.28. Straight Forecast 23.28.
3.40: 1. Bit OF A TOUCH (I Frost) 2-1;
2. Herbort Buchartan 7-4: 3. Gebieh 251. 4 ram. 13-8 tar Lake Of Loughrea, 1½,
dist. (R Frost). Total: £2.60. DF: £2.50, CSF;
£5.71.

Nebiolo aims to improve product

Athletics

Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, aims to streamline the grand prix circuit from 1998 to put quality before quantity.

Nebiolo stressed the 1997 circuit, including two events in Britain, on 15 and 29 June, would be the last in its present form. "We don't have difficulty with having great meetings on the grand prix." Nebiolo told a Dublin news conference after the IAAF's annual calendar meeting. The difficulty is to limit the muniber, and if it will be possible, to

have a great super league."

Nebiolo did not outline the format of a super league, but he is believed to want a smaller circuit of elite meetings. "We must find new ways of packaging and presenting the circuit so as to stimulate the public, the media and the sponsors," he said. "The IAAF is studying a new concept and philosophy for the 1998 grand prix and the grand prix commission will meet again in April to discuss and propose details."

Next year prize-money will be available for the first time at the World Indoor Championships. scheduled for Paris from 7 to 9 March and at the outdoor event in Athens from 1 to 10 August. About £2.67m will be on of-

fer at the grand prix final in Fukuoka, Japan, on 13 Sep-tember, the first time the final has been staged outside Europe since the circuit started 11 years ago. "We want to offer a certain opportunity to the athletes," Nebiolo said. "This is not professionalism – professionalism implies a given salary and a guaranteed pension. We don't have the resources for that, but we can't forget the athletes."

Commonwealth Games organisers have put back the athletics schedule at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Games' by two days to avoid a clash with the Johannesburg World Cup. The programme will now start on 16 September, three days after the three-day World Cup ends. Grand prix calendar, Digest,

Britons look sharp from start

Salling

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Barcelona

Showing all the speed and quick thinking which brought them silver medals at the summer Olympics, John Merricks and Ian Walker were in a class of their own in their new class of yacht, a Melges 24, for most of the two opening races of the Glenfiddich Gold Cup here yesterday.

They won the first race by 72sec and were a similar distance ahead going into the last lap of the second only for conditions to become more fluky, allowing Spain's Luis-Martinez Doreste not only to catch and pass them but also to pull out a 97sec margin in the last half mile.

However, a first and a second had Merricks and Walker, with crew Mark Tomson and Nick Powell, firmly at the head of the 47-boat fleet after a frustrating start to the event.

On the first, there was no wind, no racing. On the second, only one race was completed and that was declared void by the jury after a complaint, led by Britain's Matt Humphries, that disqualifications that should have taken place had been overlooked. The race committee agreed and accepted responsibility.

The British national champion, Mike Lennon, is locked in a private and separate battle here with the aim of beating the European champion, Giorgio Zuccoh of Italy, to earn the right to represent Europe against the Americans at Key West in January. Lennon's 24th and 10th to Zuccoli's eighth and 18th keeps him in the hunt with perhaps only five races left in a series curtailed from its original



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FORM SUIDE
FAIRY KNSGHT, numer-up to 11.1-length winner Arabien Story in the Moet & Chandon entstear's race of Epsom in August, has dropped to a good mark compared to his wires last
season and looked as though his turn was near when start to White Pairs at Unglield last
rome, beaten about two lengths. He was probably an unfuely loser, as he was denied a run
in the last two furlongs before numning on close home, and he can make amends. Artio
Bay landed a tentaed station from Rolatin Cover and in-form Ayuna at Linglied last week, for
which he carries a 50b penalty. He would be 20 higher form tomorrow, but he firstend saven lengths benind my selection at Epsom and meets him 4th unrac. Montrone has won five
times for his regular ameteur rider, all at shorter trips then todays, the latest being a length
and a quarter success from Chalk Dancer over a mile at Newcastle. He does seem to stay
at least, 11 furly, followed up there the same month and then went down a short-head to
Pistol at Barin. He looks high enough in the weights now, Lightly-raced Manasedal landed
his first handlosp at Heydock recently, beating Obelos a length and three-quarters, and has
gone up just 3th. He is open to further improvement, and has every chance. Routiontaine's
good form showed signs of taking off at Portentect last time, but Rex Mand was beaten
under a length when fourth to Haye Ye Kelsah at Heydock following an Ay win for an anselection. FARTY (NIGHT) 2.30 TREPLEPRINT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 240 6f Penelty Value £6,938

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FORM GUIDE

EDAN HEIGHTS has done well in a couple of mile and-a-quarter handicaps since winning over Sandown's extended 11 furing an yielding ground in July. He was besten only a neck by Cambridgestive third Angles-G at Newmarket the following month and last time finished a credibable fourth to Genne Ploy at Newbory. The return to 12 tutoring should be very much an Edan Heights's favour. Denne So Suite had My Learned Friend and Polyderanas well behind when fourth to Bester Offer in the valuable course and distance handicap at the Sunday meeting here. Polyderanas was having his first run since traising second to Remach Sun at York in May and, after only three runs this season, is open to improvement. A line through Better Offer suggests Beyond Doubt will be a big dangar, as Lord Humington's 18-by was that a temph second to that heal over this top in July. Leat month him was a decent fourth to Dear Life at Newmarket. Liesting, a meiden winner here in August, may appreciate the return to this the after finishing only fith to Yorn James lover 1A fusioning at York Elbor meeting. Reals second in good sigh from Stow Felson at Goodwood but time and should not be far away, while Antic Counter is running well enough to take a hand.

Selection: EDAN HEIGHTS

£17.02.
2.50: 1. TENAYESTELIĞIN (J A McCarthy)
4-1; 2. Ryton Run 20-1; 3. Holy Wanderer 4-7 fax, 4 ran. 3, dişt. (D Marks, Lemtoum), Totas £4.30; £3.10, DF: £11.50, CSF:
£28.29, Chapel Of Barras (8-1) was withdrawn not under orders; Rule 4 applies to all
bets, deduction 10p in the pound.
3.20: 1. Holy 10E (D J Burchell) 3-1; 2.
Nather Batte 2.5-1; 3. Dron dir. Cartera 5.

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4.30:1. CONTOSSER (S Wyone) 8-13 far;
2. Ben Bowden 7-1; 3. Indira 7-2. 6 res.
5. 1;/k (M Pipe). Tote: £1.40; £1.10,
£2.60. Duel Forecast: £4.00. Computer Streight Forecast: £5.49. 4.40: 1. COURSARIL (C Maude) 1-3 fev: 2. Miramaro 12-1: 3. Ask Harry 16-1. 5 ran. 21, 24. (M Pipe). Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £2.80. DP. £4.90. CSP. £4.84. Placepot: £37.10. Quadpot: £6.00. Place & £46.43. Place 5 £19.44.

ON THE ROAD WITH SCOTLAND: Travelling from Glasgow to Tallinn, the town with no team, via Riga, Phil Shaw joins the three-second heroes and their supporters on a bizarre odyssey



Wet, windswept Glasgow Air-port, 8am. Play-ers, officials (aka "fat cats"), scribes and snappers assemble. The Under-21s look young enough to be sponsored by Mothercare, and there is an unfamiliar face with the "big team". Brian McAllister plays for Wimbledon, which had led some of the company to expect a shaved head and a chetto-blaster. He has the wholesome appearance of a

Blue Peter presenter. A quiet flight: Craig Brown's players pride themselves in not ndulging in the "dentist's chair" drinking antics associated with a certain Rangers midfielder.
On landing at Riga, the Latvian capital, the terminal is closed

The average wage is 80 Lats (roughly £80) per month, putting the goods in the citydue to a small fire (or a "raging inferno", depending on your newspaper). The entire party has to wait in a yard behind some industrial units for their bags.

Riding on the media bus is a Scot who now runs a travel firm in our next stop, Estonia, Chris McLean, former SNP press officer, followed the national team there in '43, stayed and married "a local lassie". Riga by night in the post-Soviet era has a surprising number of "Irish" pubs. m which kilted Tartan Army footsoldiers revel in bemused local scrutiny. There is also a short-age of cars (pleasing) and street pended for the Estonia game. scrutiny. There is also a shortlighting (disturbing).

Even in the rain Riga's potential as a "leisure destination" is evident. Like a scaled-down Sofia or Bucharest, it has faded

Kicks in the Baltics bring 3 joy to the Tartan Army

grandeur but none of their ugly, jerry-built blocks of flats. A plaque on one crumbling building announces that Sergei Eisenstein, film-maker to the Russian Revolution, lived there. Nearby, a symbol of the 1990s revolution. McDonald's, does brisk trade.

centre stores way beyond the reach of most Latvians. Disappointingly for this proud owner of a Russian copy of "Rubber Soul" - vinyl 12in, with title in Cyrillic script – it is a strictly CD (Costly Disc) town. However (cue Hovis ad music) the trol-

ley bus and tram live on. In the dilapidated Daugava Stadium, Scotland are on a hiding to nothing. In fact, they give Latvia a hiding, two-noth-ing. John Collins scores a fabulous goal and Andy Goram makes a Banks-v-Pele save. But the better known McAllister,

The players do not shower at the ground, where facilities resemble a typhoid trap. A piper in full regalia gives them a mu-sical send-off while 800 Scots supporters repeatedly sing that old, heather-scorching battle hymn, "Doe, Rae, Me" from The Sound of Music.

niors played in murky mist and

rain, the Under-21s' 0-0 draw takes place in gorgeous autumn sunshine. A half-time, Brown and his men share their Scottish FA-issue chocolate with their followers. One maintains he has never seen, let alone eaten, a "raw" (that is, not deep-fried) Mars

The intrepid travelling fans recount their escapades. Those caught relieving themselves against the stadium wall the previous night were fined anything from £5 to £30 on the spot; the enterprise culture at work. One Scot, having sensitively removed hammer-and-sickle insignia from a hat bought in Moscow, re-turned from the loo in a bar to find it burnt by Latvians. Another, whose taxi driver had no change for a five-Lat note, was

given two fish instead. And so to Estonia, a 40-minute flight away. Like Latvia, they played under their own flag from 1921 until a particularly invictious protocol between Hitler and Stalin led to their incorporation into the Soviet Union, Perestroika and the Moscow coup of '91 signalled the rush to freedom. After centuries of being fought over by Rus-

Ray, a drop of sia and Germany, their foot-Golden Sun. balkers should be acquainted with her breasts to the leering throng.

Estonia's people and language appear more Scandina vian than their Baltic neighbours. The capital is home to a third of the 1.43 million inhabitants, a remarkable 52 per cent of whom hold Russian

Tourist highspots include Kiek in der Kok, an ancient tower rather than a monument to Neil Ruddock. The name, derived from Low German, means "peep into the kitchen" because soldiers could watch women cooking from its windows. The original mediaeval walled city, known as Old Town, boasts a captivating cobbled square where Harry Lime

might have lurked in a doorway. Not to mention a Scottish bar. The Pub With No Name is run by David Coutts, an ex-SNP councillor in Dundee. Tonight, with sponsorship by the Daily Star of Scotland, it brings Caledonian culture to the deprived masses of Tallinn. Not Rabbie Burns, or even Billy Connolly, but a wet T-shirt competition. Scotland fan wins after her protest.

injured

John Spencer, court jester to lows Gary McAllister in flying home early. Stuart Mc-Call is also nursing a strain from Riga, leaving no fewer than nine of Brown's original 22 unavailable. With Rangers playing Ajax next week, the manager will not want to jeopardise the champions' goodwill. by returning McCall lame to

For the fans, filling in the time between games is about more than getting bevvied. Some 100 tartan-clad Scots ioin a solemn march of remembrance in the drizzle for the 852 people who died in the SS Estonia ferry disaster two years ago.

After the Under-21 match. which Scotland won 1-0, the SFA's concern about the floodlighting at the tiny Kadriorg Stadium mounts. Fifa's version of Dickie Bird takes a damning light-meter reading; Brown takes a dim view and announces that Scot-The Finnish girlfriend of a land will play, but under

Overnight, Fifa, the world gov-erning body, uni-laterally switches kick-off from

6.45pm to 3pm. Estonia refuse to comply, and with the Tartan Army singing "We only play in the daylight" Scotland kick off against no one. The referee's whistle ensures that "game" is all over before anyone can say, "It is now."
Only Billy Dodds and John
Collins have touched the ball,
yet the press box is in a panic over the age-old question:
"Who passed to who?"

Brown's players change back the squad, fol- in to civvies. Dodds, starting his Gary first international, fears he may never get another chance: "I'm gutted... it's like losing a cup final." At 5.15 the Estonian team arrive and go through the motions of preparing to play. The lights flicker into feeble life.

Collins, captain for the first time, reveals that the referee checked their studs and wished him "Good luck" as they shook hands. Paul Lambert says he was ordered to tuck his shirt in. "Good job we didn't lose the toss," quips Jim Leighton, while Brown's self-mocking satisfaction at "another clean sheet" is tempered by the realisation that "we hardly crossed the half-way line all

afternoon." Mixed emotions, too, on the flight home, divided between a feeling that Scotland had played fair with Estonia and a sense of anticlimax. Among the fans arriving back the next morning is the winner of the wet T-shirt contest. It turns out that her prize is £200 plus a trip to Edinburgh. She lives in

Patience runs short with sour Sacchi

haly stacking to the World Cop qualifying victory over Georgia has increased the clamour for Arrigo Saochi's resignation. The embattled coach need-

ed a police escort from the ng-room on Wednesday night amid jeers from supporters still smarting from Italy's early exit from this summer's Euro 96. With his fusummer a 2,00 90: With its in-ture once again in doubt, Sac-chi hit back, saying: "I don't intend to reaga. This has al-ways been an unpopular job. Sometimes you need to know how its take it on the chin but my petionce is infinite."

The Italian federation may be less so, however, Luciano Nizzola, the Italian league president and the man exected to be appointed the federation's new hear, was cautious on Sacchi's future.

He said Sacchi would still be coach when Italy play Bosnia in a friendly in Sara jevo next month. Beyond that it was "impossible to predict how the federation will behave on the Sacchi issue"

Netherlands

It was hardly in the Eric Cantona league of colourful pronouncements, but Louis Van Gaal's assertion that he wants to "spread my wings" is of real significance to Ajaz. The architect of the Dutch will leave the club at the end

of the season. "I've achieved everything I can with Ajax," said Van Gaal, 45, who took over as coach from Leo Beenhakker in September 1991. I now want to ugly after the final whistle spread my wings. My contract expires [at the end of the current season so I have the chance to make that step. Van Gaal, who joined Ajax

in 1988, said he was seeking

not have a new club to go to. I have told Ajax for my decision to leave Jearly out of re-spect for the club," Van Gaal said. "I would like to go to a club comparable to Ajax. Van Gaal led Ajax to the

league title for the past three seasons, won the European Cup in 1995, the Uefa Cup in 1992, the Dutch and Europe Super Cups and the Work Club Championship. Last sea-son Ajax failed to retain their European crown, losing to Inventus on penalties in Rome.
His availability on Europe's managerial merry-go-round will entice several clubs. Barcelona, for one, have exssed an interest in hiring Van Gaal. Francis Lee must be

The Vietnam cup final was marred by violence last Sunday when the losing team attacked the referee. Not such an uncommon event, perhaps, but the disgruntled footballers were the Ho Chi Minh City Police Force team. With nine yellow and red cards shown, the game got when players from the police team, defeated 3-1 by Dong Thap, pushed, kicked and punched the referee as he ran

Andrew Mart

Hard work for Bath on and off pitch

RUPERT METCALF

While Bristol Rovers enjoy life back in their home city at the Memorial Ground, the team they left behind at Twerton Park have endured a season of

Having Rovers as tenants brought Bath City about £100,000 per year. City had bud-geted for that until the year 2000, so Rovers' decision to move in with Bristol Rugby Club was an unwelcome surprise.
With debts of around

£300,000, Bath started the GM Vauxhall Conference campaign looking for a saviour. But Andrew Page, a local night-club owner, withdrew his rescue package and a rival consor-tium also pulled out when its plans to sell the ground proved

unacceptable. However, at an extraordinary general meeting on Wednesday. Keith Foster, a former director, became controlling shareholder with a 51 per cent stake. His

ity, has put in about £150,000 to boost club funds. "At least that will get the creditors off our back," Bob

Twyford, Bath's general manager and secretary, said yesterday, "but there will be none to spare to strengthen the team. It was the best deal available, though."

Bath are now bottom but one. in the Conference and it has been a tough campaign so far for Steve Millard, who took charge in the summer after the departure of the popular playermanager, Tony Ricketts.

After losing several good players in the close season, Millard has plugged the gaps with youngsters plus three Barrotol Rovers old boys: Graham. Withey, Shaum Penny and Steve Cross, the former Rovers assistant manager who signed for City last week.

Bath admit they may have to drop down a league before they can rebuild the team. "The problem we face is that rugby rules in this city," Twyford said.
"The business community just isn't interested in football

Brown awaits Fifa verdict on McAllister

After the three seconds in Estonia which sent their name around the globe, Scotland's prospects of a painless path to the World Cup tinals may be de-cided in the space of four days next month, writes Phil Shaw. On 7 November, the organising committee of Fita, the sport's world governing body, will adjudicate on Wednesday's bizarre events in Tallinn. The statute

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book points to Scotland being awarded a 3-0 victory following the host nation's no-show. However, the Estonian FA

protest against the late rescheduling of the game. Kick-off time had been brought forward nearly four hours by the Fifa delegate after the Scotland manager, Craig Brown, expressed concern about the standard of the floodlights.

Fifa's committee will also rule on whether the "match", abandoned by the referee as soon as Scotland kicked off in the absence of any opponents, means that Gary McAllister has now served his one-game suspension. The letter from Fifa to the tain's ban stated that it was for with ticket refunds, security "the match versus Estonia". The need to clarify McAllister's eligibility or otherwise is pressing. Fifa is not due to dis-cuss the situation until 72 hours before the Scots meet the

Group Four favourites, Sweden, in Glasgow on 10 November. In the meantime. Brown intends to name the hugely influential midfielder in his squad. The secretary of the Estonia

federation, Ainar Lettanen, last night estimated its loss from the fixture at £170,000. He put lost yesterday lodged a formal Scottish FA confirming the cap-television revenue at £100,000, team qualify automatically.

and, ironically, the cost of im-porting extra lighting from Finland accounting for the rest. The Estonian media, betray-

ing the effects of half a century spent in the Soviet Union, suspected corruption. One newspaper claimed that Scotland, with several key players injured, feared an embarrassing defeat.
If the "walkover" win is con-

fremed, Scotland will be top going into the Sweden game. If not, the Swedes will remain leaders of a section from which only one

Dynamic McAteer Jason McAteer's goalscoring performance in central midfield has provided stiff competition

for the enigmatic Roy Keane for a place at the heart of the Republic of Ireland's World Cup qualifying campaign.
This sideshow to the tradi-

tional Liverpool-Manchester United rivalry should prove beneficial to the cause for the Republic's coach, Mick Mc-Carthy, Liverpool's McAteer, converted to a right wing-back since his £4m move from Bolton, was the vital spark of a convincing 3-0 Irish victory over

Eight qualifier in Dublin, com-bining his first international goal in 19 appearances with a dynamic display.

However, McCarthy considers Keane a world-class player, although the United midfielder featured in only four of Ireland's 11 games in the last European Championship qualifiers. Keane has played only once for McCarthy, but he has returned to the fold since being sent off against Russia in Mazzn and banned by the coach from a summer tour of America after failing to turn up for another FYR Macedonia in the Group friendly international in Dublin.

Part-time Kiwis embarrass substandard Lions

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Carlaw Park. Auckland Lion Red Cup XIII Great Britain

Great Britain lost their perfect tour record when they were held by a team of part-timers drawn from New Zealand's domestic competition.

If the Lions needed a reminder that the serious part of their southern bemisphere jaunt has begun, then a Test-strength side got it when they were em-

several notches below what they will face against New

"It was the worst performance I can remember," said the Great Britain captain, Andy Farrell, only slightly exaggerating the extent of his side's ineptitude. This was a remarkable trans-

formation for a side so full of confidence, built up during the preamble in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. Perhaps that was the problem; they were just too conlident of their ability to dictate terms and play in any way they "We played very badly," the

barrassed here by opposition tour coach, Phil Larder, adtoo ambitious with the ball. The result was that we made 18 or 19 handling errors and if you do that at this level you don't expect to get away even with a

> The ease with which Great Britain carved out some early opportunities was no preparation for what was to come. Even when the locals took a lead through a penalty from their impressive scrum-half, Ben Lythe, who will play for Widnes next season, the Lions

soon went in front when Bobmitted. "We didn't play the way we trained. We didn't go forward enough and we were far sent Anthony Sullivan in.

But basic errors allowed the former Warrington hooker, Tukere Barlow, and Jonathan Hughes to give the New Zealanders a 10-point lead, which was only trimmed by Stuart Spruce's 90-yard sprint to create a try out of nothing.

Gus Malietoa-Brown leapt above Sullivan to restore the home side's 10-point lead ear-ly in the second half, but when the strong running of Adrian Morley - one of Britain's few successes after coming on as a

substitute - set up a try for Keiron Cunningham and Daryl Powell it seemed that the tourists might get away with it. But their two-point lead was cancelled when Lythe kicked his

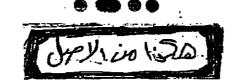
fifth goal from as many attempts when Great Britain were caught offside. Both sides went close to win-

ning after that. David Bailey, looking better than he ever did with Wakefield Trinity a couple of seasons ago, hitting the post with a drop-goal attempt and Great Britain baving a lastminute touchdown disallowed when Powell's pass to Sullivan was ruled forward.

est about these things and they felt that one was OK," Larder

That could not disguise the fact, however, that this was a woefully substandard performance. "We will play a lot better next week," he promised.

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Hill keeps mind on main point

Motor racing DAVID TREMAYNE reports from Suzuka

The planes of Damon Hill's face remained set like a poker player's yesterday, betraying none of the inner tension that he will undoubtedly be feeling as he prepares for the final push to the top of a mountain twice conquered by his father,

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He spoke quietly of his feel-ings before Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix, which will decide the outcome of a world championship that seemed his for the sking at the mid-season point. Outwardly he appeared calm and confident, as if he had not fluffed similar chances in the recent races in Hungary and Italy, and by his own hand prolonged the fight until this final

stage.
Shrugging thoughts of the championship from his mind has not been easy, he admitted, in the weeks since his failure to capitalise on early advantages at both the Hungaroring and Monza. "I would be lying if I said that it hadn't taken a conscious effort not to be thinking about winning the champi-onship," he said. "Now I'm here I know I can go into my race routine, and things take care of themselves from that point onwards."

Jackie Stewart, three times the world champion, recently advised Hill to adapt a "pretty damn canny" approach if he found he were unable to lead Sunday's race, and Hill pondered the tactics he would employ to defeat his team-mate d sole rival. Jacques Vilissieuve. "I certainly have to take into account that the championship is paramount. To win another race would be great but not as great as winning the championship, so there is a little bit of weighing up to do in mind whether I want to take more risk and tackle it with a view to winning the race, or to of it will be saying that Damon ensure that I finish in the points Hill is world champion."

in order to win the title. But Γm always nervous about taking a cautious approach because sometimes that throws up other difficulties."

He admitted that easing his concentration had proved his downfall at Monza, and added. The best position to be in in any grand prix is in the lead. You are much more in command of what's going on. But if I'm running in the points I'll be very, very happy and will concentrate on finishing there."

His ace is the knowledge that Villeneuve must win without his rival scoring a point, whereas all he needs is sixth place. It is a strong psychological advantage.
"Jacques has the pressure on

him. There's no way he can win the championship unless he wins the race. Whereas at least I have some options. But there's always pressure at a grand prix, and the thing for me is that I know that I can become world champion on Sunday. It's a motivating factor as much as anything."

Suzuka, a fast, twisting circuit that rewards daring and improvisation, has given Hill his greatest and lowest races. In 1994, he beat Michael Schumacher fair and square in dire conditions. Last year, he crashed ignominiously. He loves the track. "It's tremendous, and I'll never forget that race in 1994. It was one of the most difficult I have ever done, and one of the most satisfying. And this race will certainly live up to expectations of being The Event."

Although he detests the idea that his entire career has distilled to this one point on which achievements of the past will be judged, he is sufficiently rounded now to accept the focus the world has placed on his performance this weekend. He smiled. "My whole purpose has been to win a championship, by winning races, and I have the opportunity on Sunday to do that. I expect that there will be a lot said after Sunday ... I hope that most

Boy's helping hand from the stand stuns Orioles



hero of the New York Yankees this week is a 12year-old boy from New Jersey called Jeff Majer, writes Rupert Cornwell. Leaning forward from his front-row seat (above) in Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, young Jeff stuck out a glove and deflected into the stands a ball hit by a Yankee bat-

ter, which otherwise would have been caught by the Baltimore Orioles outfielder Tony Tarrasco, Instead the Yankees were awarded a home run, tying the first game of the American League Championship Series at 4-4. They went on to a 5-4 win, which could pave the way to victory in the best-of-seven ACLS and a spot in the World

Series later this month. Baseball's rules forbid fan Interference, and television replays show beyoud doubt that the ball was dropping just inside the fence. But the umpire made the wrong call, as he admitted later. Nor is Maler showing remorse. "As a Yankee fan, if I helped the team I feel pratty good," he said

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IB approves tactical substitutions

Rugby Union

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Rugby can clean up its act and revolutionise its tactics following a landmark decision yes-terday by the International Board to allow tactical substitutions at international and senior club level in northern and southern hemisphere rugby.
It means that from 4 November coaches will be able to nse all six replacements for in-

 or field five of them as strategic subs, although in the latter case two of them must be frontrow operators. This will eradicate the blatant practice of feigning injury to enable a substitutions to be made.

The first example of this was in 1992 when the France lock Christian Mougeot trotted off against Wales, visibly untroubled but apperently with a calf injury, to allow the more adept line-out man, Olivier Roumat, to take the field in Cardiff.

Pugh, acknowledged the abuse that has been going on and said: "It makes the game more honest, in that it addresses concerns about players feigning injuries." The Lions manager, Fran Cotton, agreed: "During the summer series of Test matches involving the southern hemisphere countries, there was blatant flouting of the law that

only for injuries," he said. It was not all sweetness and

ball Union and Canada's governing body to assess their claims that British clubs are breaking IB regulations concerning player availability. The Irish are questioning the actions of English clubs, among them London Irish, while the Canadians have a beef with a Welsh club, believed to be Bridgend, who have three Canucks on their books.

allows a player to be replaced London Irish, who are involved in the European Con-

challenging game on earth...

who are taking part in the European Cup. Certain of the Exiles' players are defying their club but the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh Rugby Union have been given 21 days by the IB in which to respond. One dispute looks to have

been settled with 36 Scotland players signing a three-year fulltime contract with the Scottish Rugby Union. Scott Hastings. Ken Logan and Duncan Hodge

Boardman wins silver medal in 'nightmare'

Cycling ROBIN NICHOLL reports from Lugano

Rain dampened Chris Boardman's desire for a golden finish to a season that many would regard as a career's worth of achievement. After finishing second to Switzerland's Alex Zülle in the World Time Trial Championship here yesterday, Boardman admitted he was still haunted by his crash in last year's Tour de France when on rain-soaked roads he fell, break-ing a wrist and ankle.

"I was scarred by the experi-ence," he said. "I would not say it scared me but it has taken away my confidence. I used to attack riders on mountain descents in the rain but now l struggle to stay with them. I find myself looking down watching for manhole covers instead of looking ahead."

In two weeks' time he is having two five-centimetre surgical pins removed from his ankle. "Perhaps after that I can beat this nightmare, and stop thinking about it so much."

His morale fell as fast as the rain when he looked out of his hotel window at breakfast time. "I pulled back the curtains and screamed 'no way.' Three weather forecasts had promised a clear day. Rain was my worst nightmare," he said.

After a viral infection ruined his 1996 Tour, Boardman's mission was to "salvage his season." He started with a bronze medal in the Olympic time trial, regained the world 4,000 metres pursuit track title, then smashed the world hour record. He won five time trials including the prestigious prizes of the Grand Prix Eddy Merckx, the Telekom Grand Prix, and the Grand Prix des Nations.

That was not enough. He wanted the world time trial crown which he first won in 1994, but yesterday the be-spectacled Zülle was 39sec faster. Boardman snatched the silver by two seconds from Zülle's compatriot Tony e field in Cardiff.

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of the Indian spinners Anil Kurn-ble, Sumil Joshi and Aashish Kapoor exploited a dry and cracked pitch to dismiss Australia for 182 on the first day of the one-off Test in New Delhi

India then reached 57 for 1 by the close after losing openter Vikram Rathore for five when he was caught by Ricky Ponting at midwicket off the fast bowler Paul Reiffel.

Leg-spinner Kumble took 4 for 63, the left-arm spinner Joshi 2 for 36 and Kapoor took 2 for 30 with his off-breaks as Australia collapsed from 81 for

The paceman Venkatesh Prasad and a run-out accounted for the other two wickets after Australia won the toss on a Surface that was expected to aid the slow bowlers.

The Australian coach, Geoff

Marsa, said: "We did play a

couple of loose strokes but the ludian spinners bowled ex-"We'd have liked to score 50 for 60 more runs but the game is still wide open. The half's turning and it's keeping up and

Top scorer Michael Slater made his 44 in 130 minutes off 96 deliveries and included six

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Sont Torrance was disqualified from the Oki Pro-Am in Madrid yesterday when he oversiept and missed his tee-off time. Andrew Sherborne, whose only two European Tour victories were in the Spanish capital, shot a five-under-par 67 to finish the first round joint second with Miguel Martin, of Spain, and two shots behind the Spanish leader, Pedro Linker

the Spanish leader, Pedro Linhart.

Australian Robert Allenby, who fractured his stemum in a car crash in Spain 12 days ago, is set to appear at the Volvo Masters in two weeks time - possibly to hit just one shot with his putter. Allenby, third in the European Order of Menit, has been told that to collect a bonus which could amount to £73,000 he must tee off in the final event of the season.

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The Italian driver Alessandro Nanolni,
Whose right arm was severed and then
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five years ago, is to test a BenedicinRenaut Formula One car in Portugal next
month. The 37 year-old will be at Estoril from 25-28 November.

Junior Paramore, the 27-year-old for-mer Western Samoan righty union in-ternational, will not be returning to Castleford Tigers next season. It is hard

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Rugby Union
The United States will play four tour matches in Wales next year, including a full international against Wales at the National Ground, Caroliff Arms Park, on 11. January.

Pumas scrum-half Agustin Pichot, who

ressed British crowds with his per-ances for the Barbarians at the end formances for the Barbarians at the end of last season, will miss Argentina's tour of England starting on 20 November be-cause of injury. Pichot damaged a cru-ciate ligament playing for Club Atletico San Isidro In a First Division match in Buenos Aires three weeks ago and un-denment supperv.

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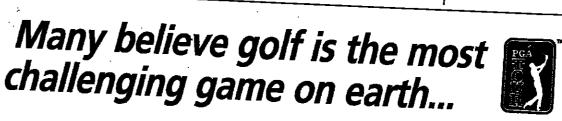
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Hoddle's problems stem from the front

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent

Terry Venables used to go home after an England match, switch on the video and watch the game again. He would eventually go to bed at about 3am, only to get up a few hours later and watch it again. Come the weekend he would have another look.

Glenn Hoddle went home after Wednesday night's 2-1 win over Poland and went to bed. The new England coach said the video, ready within minutes of the final whistle, would probably remain untouched until after the weekend. Maybe. Hoddle is a man of in 29 matches. While they need strong will, but it is hard to consure they win all the home magine he will resist having a look before then. Curiosity, as much as anxiety, will draw him

Where, he will wonder, did I time. Playing Alan Shearer and go wrong? For something broke Les Ferdinand together did not down in England's lengthy work even if they did combine preparation. They may have for a goal. The problem was won - which was the most important thing - but the victory

was by no means assured. Better performances will be required away to Italy, Poland, and, in the next match on 9 November, Georgia. England are nigh on unbeatable at Wemb-ley—they have only lost to Brazil

games, it is away that World Cup qualification will be decided.

It is thus imperative that Hoddle gets the balance right next more the impact their pairing had on the rest of the side. Without a Barmby or Sheringham to knit the play, the strikers became isolated. Steve McManaman played in a forward role but he is more of a runner than a passer. His advanced position also

and not enough taking defen-sive responsibility. "You have to get the shape right." Hoddle admitted, "and then go hunting hunting the ball as individuals."

This is an area where Jamie Redknapp contributes well but be cannot gain a regular club place. Hoddle added: "The players that want the ball need to understand they will get more possession if they get that right first. The midfield players probably ran harder than they had for several games but there was no reward."

In that area there were too ham and Andy Hinchcliffe, many players seeking to attack seemed unsure of their role. Hinchcliffe was often an auxiliary left-back - with Pearce uncomfortably drawn into the centreand made few overlaps. Beckham, after a slow start, played well but in a more conventional midfield role. The consequence was a lack of width. Combined with over-playing and poor pass-ing it meant England rarely had

possession for long.
With the midfield "strung out", to quote Hoddle, the defence was exposed. Once again English defenders were seen to be vulnerable on one-on-ones.

Seaman's quality proved vital.

Quality decided the match.

The Poles had the best performer in Piotr Nowak but England had the edge where it mattered - in goal and in front of goal. Of Shearer, Hoddle said: "He's got a great temperament and he is

single-minded when it comes to goalscoring. He's quite similar to Gary Lineker - though he scores more spectacular goals." Eight of Shearer's 13 goals

for England have come in the last seven matches, and Hoddle added: "After Euro 96 he knows he can score against the best defenders in Europe and that has

levelling of standards, that is where games are won and lost at international level. If he is onthe pitch you have a chance. He works hard, he is a leader."

A leader he may be but Hoddle would not be drawn on whether he would retain Shearer as captain if Tony Adams re- pening. turns for the Georgis game. However, he may be spared that dilemma should Shearer require a second groin operation, which Newcastle would almost certainly arrange during an England training session. Adams's presence would cer-

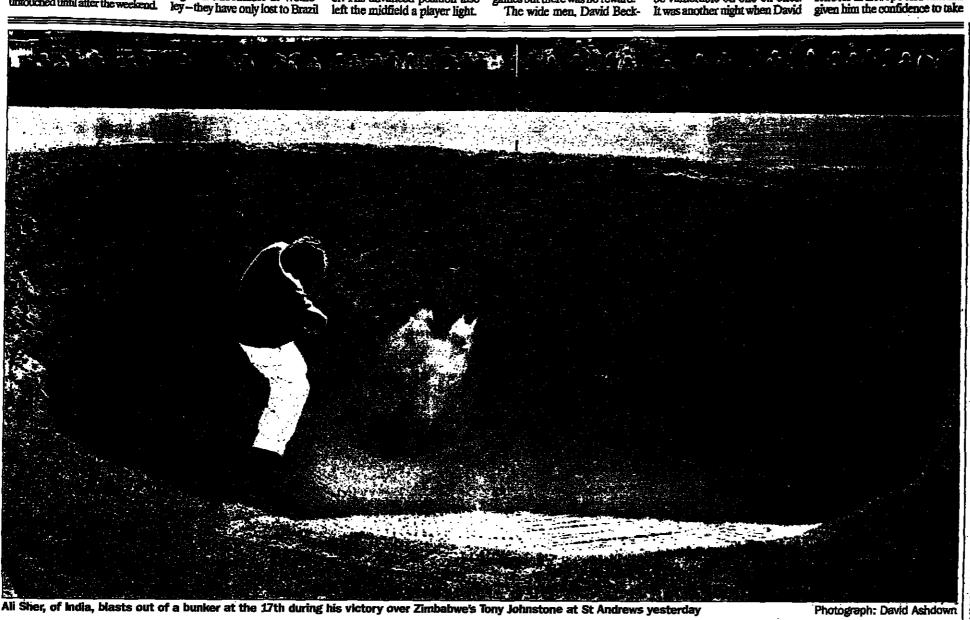
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it on to the world level. With the especially if Gareth Southgate's

knee injury proves serious. The coach backgracked on his request, in the Wembler pro-gramme, for two days with the team after a match. The clubs would offer strong resistance and. Hoddle admitted: "I meant in an ideal world. I can't see it imp-

As well as the various World Cup results there was a friend ly worth noting. France, so beaut of forwards even Enc Cantona was apparently considered, put four past Turkey. If England do make it to France 96 they will not want to en-counter the hosts too early on.

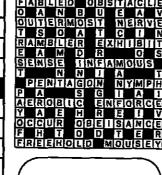


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- opinion (9)
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O'Meara's road rage

ANDY FARRELL reports from St Andrews

On a day like yesterday, the sun shining and a modest breeze by St Andrews standards, the Old Course can seem defenceless. It is not: it has the 17th, or Road Hole. No respecter of reputations, the hole catches the great and the good. Mark O'Meara and Gaurav Ghei both suffered on the opening day of the Alfred Dunhill Cup.

O'Meara was attempting to break the Old Course record and was 10 under par on the 17th tea. Curtis Strange's mark of 62, made during the 1987 Dunhill Cup, still stands. Ghei was hop-ing for a major upset as India, on their first appearance in the competition, were only narrow-ly beaten by Zimbabwe 2-1.

We have learned from past experience that you can't take any team lightly," O'Meara said. America lost to France in 1990. In his match with Italy's Costantino Rocca, O'Meara had a par at the first, then rolled in eight consecutive birdies, equalling the European record and setting a new mark of 28 for the front

nine of the Old Course. Twice he holed from over 40 feet. His 20-footer at the 10th came up just short, but he also birdied the 11th and 12th. "Needless to say, I made my share of putts," O'Meara said.

But at 17, his five-iron approach trickled over the green on to the stone path behind. Putting, he did not make it up the bank. His next putt finished six feet past and he missed that to record a double-bogey six. "That hole has got me a few times," O'Meara said. "But once I was two behind Richard Zokol, made a bogey and came out one ahead.

St Andrews scorecard Group One: Jinted Szebs 2 taly 1 (M
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"I knew I had thrown away a chance of breaking Curtis's rec-ord and, believe me, I was thinking about it all the back nine." His 1.1th birdie at the last gave the 39year-old American a 63 and a sev-

en-shot win over Rocca. Steve Stricker, playing his first competitive round on the Old Course, shot a 68 to beat Silvio Grappasonni by seven. But

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Emanuele Canonica, a big hitter in the Daly mould, had a birdie at the second extra hole to beat Phil Mickelson, world ranked 573 places above the Italian. Today America play England, who lead Group One as Barry Lane, Lee Westwood and Jonathan Lomas had the day's only 3-0 whitewash, against Spain.

Colin Montgomerie lost to Jarmo Sandelin as the defending champions, Scotland, went down 2-1 to Sweden. "We are not despondent, we just need to beat India and Zimbabwe 3-0," Monty said. This may not be straightforward. Ali Sher proved India's first winner at the Old Course. edging Tony Johnstone, the Zim-babwean captain, by a stroke.

Nick Price won by a similar margin over Jeev Singh and Gher's match with Mark Mo-Nuity was equally close until the 17th. Ghei, the pro at Delhi Golf Club where his team-mates also play, found the Road Hole nker with his second, then finished on the road. He ended up making a 15-footer for a six. "It is a great hole," Ghei said.

All the Indian team had played the Old Course before, and their manager, Vikramjit Singh, is a member of the Royal & Ancient. "We knew if we played our game, we would give them a good fight," Ghei said. "We had a good chance of causing a major upset. Everything about this place is awesome, apart from the weather."

and Paolo Rossi. "He's our jewel in the crown," Hoddle said, adding

fear of new '. operation

Alan Shearer, who was yesterday described as "England's iewel in the crown by Glenn Hoddle, has consulted a leading specialist amid fears that he

needs a second groin operation. The world's most expensive footballer, whose two goals against Poland on Wednesday saved coach Hoddle from World Cup embarrassment. faces a month out of action.

Shearer saw a Harley Street specialist while in London with the England squad and New-castle's £15m striker has been advised that he will need an operation on the opposite side to where he went under the knife in May. The medical advice is that he may be able to play on for a few months, but the injury will eventually need attention.

Shearer came back from the first operation to become the leading scorer in the Euro 96 finals. However, it is common for players who have surgery on one side of the groin to need similar work done on the other soon

Shearer, Newcastle or England. He carried on unable to train for a couple of months last. season, before missing the final two games for Blackburn Rovers when they were pushing

for a Uefa Cup place.

Now the timing of possible surgery will be down to Shearer and the Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan, while keeping

one eye on England's needs. Shearer's absence from England's World Cup campaign -they play Georgia away next month and Italy at home in February - would be calamitous. His performance against Poland had Hoddle likening him to Gerd Muller, Mario Kempes,

how vital it is to have the edge a world-class striker gives a team at international level.

"Look at the amount of games Rossi won for Italy, sometimes when perhaps they didn't play so well, "he said. "If he's on the puch they always had a chance. Kempes of Argentina had the same thing. Alan has that gift. Even when he's not on

finiting int. Even when he's not on form, he does score goals."

Fans wishing to ensure they see a fully fit Shearer in action against Italy will have to pay for tickets for the home games against Georgia and Moldova

Tickets for the game on 12 February are not on sale until the new year, but an application form can be obtained by calling a Wembley hotline number. with tickets for the Italy game priced at between £60 and £14 and seats for the encounters against Georgia on 30 April and Moldova on 10 September both priced between £55 and £14. The FA's view is that the scheme encourages loyalty by enabling supporters booking early to

guarantee tickets. Sheffield Wednesday moved The signs are not good for closer to finalising a £2.65m deal Shearer, Newcastle or Eng- for Internazionale's Benito Carfielder had talks with David

Pleat at Hillsborough yesterday. Paul McGrath has joined Derby County and will play against against Newcastle tomorrow. The 36-year-old defender, who has signed a contract until the end of the season, is expected to cost £200,000, depending on ap-

pearances. The Juventus midfielder Antonio Conte is set to miss the Champions' League game with Manchester United next mona and Italy's World Cup qualifier with England in February af-ter twisting his knee in the 1-0. win over Georgia.

Bosman ruling hits Spurs

Rusedski serves into the record books

The British No 2, Greg Ruseds-ki, yesterday produced the fastest serve ever recorded as he reached the quarter-finals of the Peking Open. Serving at match point against the Frenchman Jean-Philippe Fleurian, he produced his 20th ace of the match at a speed of 139.8mph - 2.8mph faster than the previous record jointly held by Rusedski and Australia's Mark Philippoussis.

Rusedski, who won the match 5-7, 7-6, 6-1, said: "I knew when I hit it it would be close to or better than my previous fastest. I was beaten 6-3, 6-4 by the C think the conditions in Asia are Martin Damm yesterday.

the fastest in the world. The ballspeed through the air is definitely

the fastest I have ever played. Of the match, the left-hander added: "I really had to wait for my chance to turn it round. I let a close call in the first set tiebreaker get me a little too up-set. But I turned a negative into a positive. I regrouped, settled down and found my rhythm in the second set."

Rusedski, who climbed to 75 in the world rankings on Monday, will now meet the Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten, a platranked 21 places below him. the last eight. Michael Chang was beaten 6-3, 6-4 by the Czech

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